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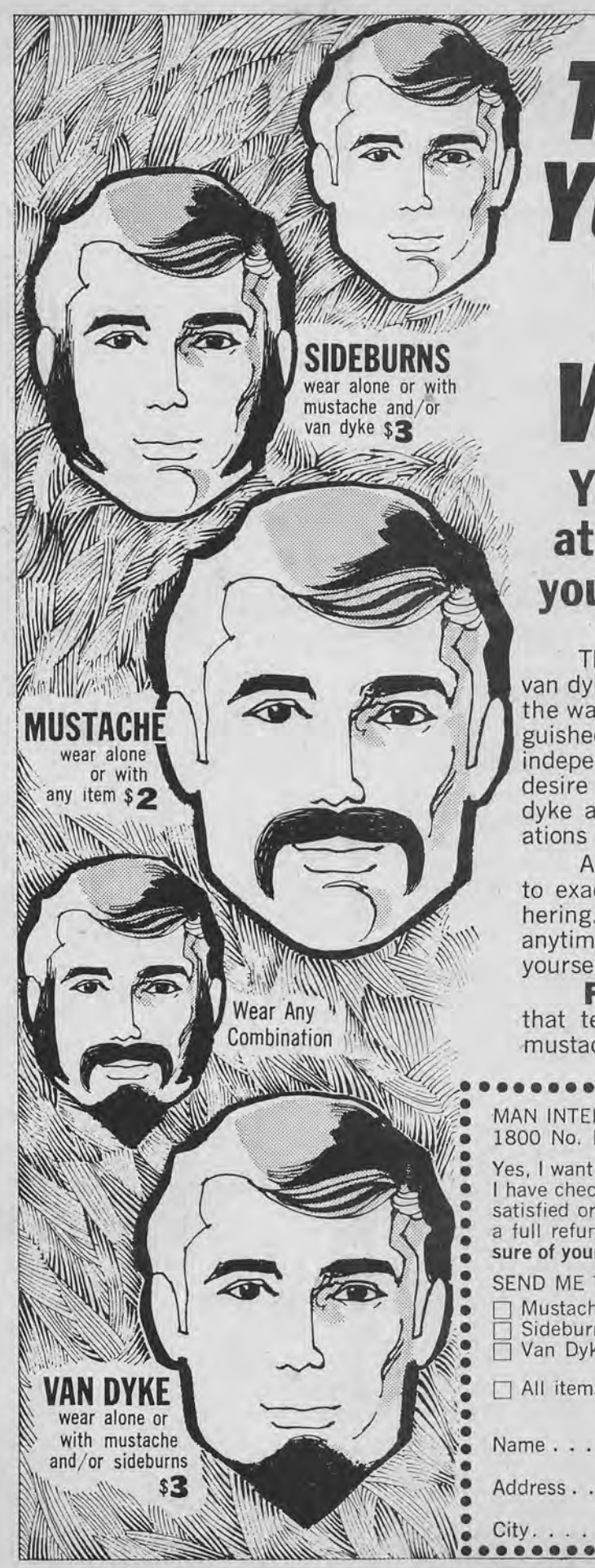

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READERS' pros and cons

ABOUT SHERRI

Sirs:

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contest sponsored by a local television station. She has been before the cameras once and we are all hoping she can go on to win. A very busy girl she never misses our weekly wrestling session, and she has become proficient enough to help teach the newer girls.

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Clyde Green
Isyabram, Australia

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Sirs:

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Mike Carlton
Chicago, Ill.

(Editor's Note: We say 1. The Destroyer, 2. Dr. X, 3. The Spoiler, 4. The Assassins, 5. Mil Mascaras, 6. Mr. Wrestling, 7. Mighty Yankees, 8. Infernos, 9. Blue Demons, 10. The Hangman.)

A SCARPA FAN

Sirs:

I would like to know if you have ever run a story on "Joltin' Joe Scarpa. I am another who thinks your magazine is GREAT! But, I wish you would have more stories on Florida stars, our guys are really great. Keep up the good work.

Cheryl Shackelton
Mt. Dora, Fla.

(Editor's Note: The past issue that had the story on Scarpa is no longer in print).

MAIVIA UPSET TOUGH GUYS

Sirs:

From what I read, it seems that the arrival of Peter Maivia in Hawaii has caused quite a lot of upset to some of those so-called tough guys. Ripper Collins even goes as far as saying he is a dumb Samoan with little brains.

I feel real sorry for Collins, it's obvious to me it's his brain that is affected. When a man gets to this state it's very tragic.

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Dorothy Paget
Chippenham, Wilts.
England

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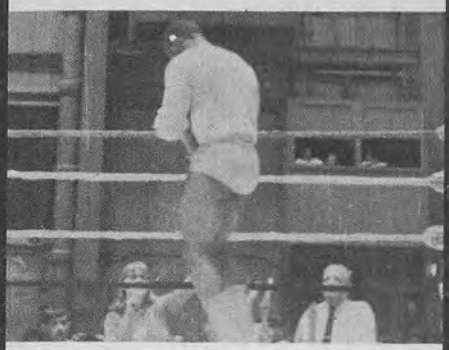
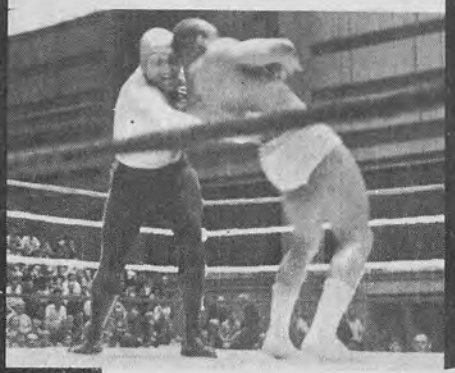
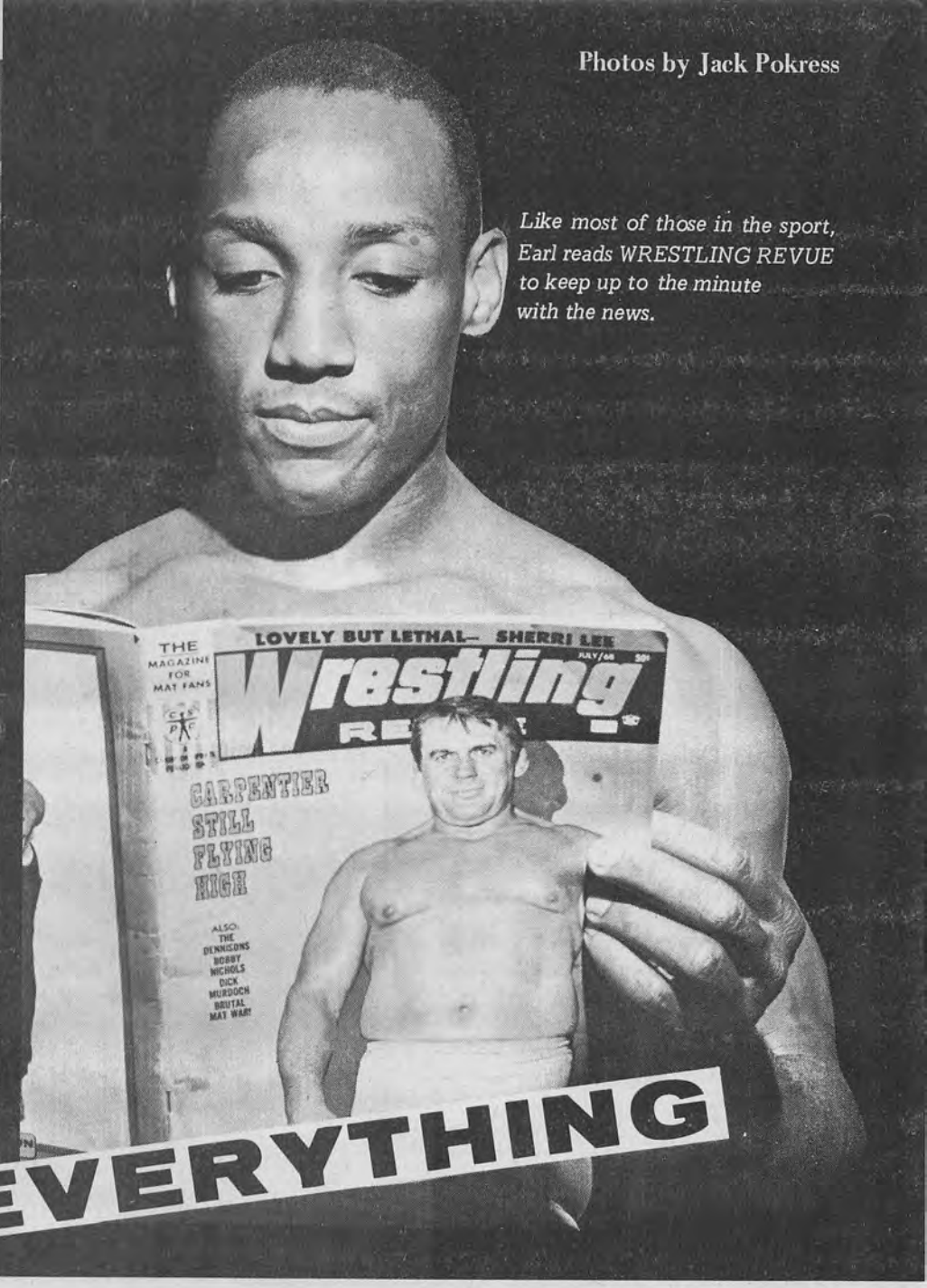


Maynard is popular with the fans because he is an all-action wrestler. In his match with Hans Mortier (below) he was hard pressed to win.





Like most of those in the sport, Earl reads WRESTLING REVUE to keep up to the minute with the news.

MR. EVERYTHING

A GREAT MAN FROM THE WEST INDIES - THAT'S EARL MAYNARD

By Barbara Bagley

Walking down the hallway was one of the best developed men I'd ever seen. He had on dark slacks and a white and silver shirt, and was carrying a jacket over one of his broad shoulders.

There was a bounce to his step, and a very light, airy look about him. He was humming as if he didn't have a care in the world. The impression I got was of a man who's "sitting on top of the world." The world? The universe!

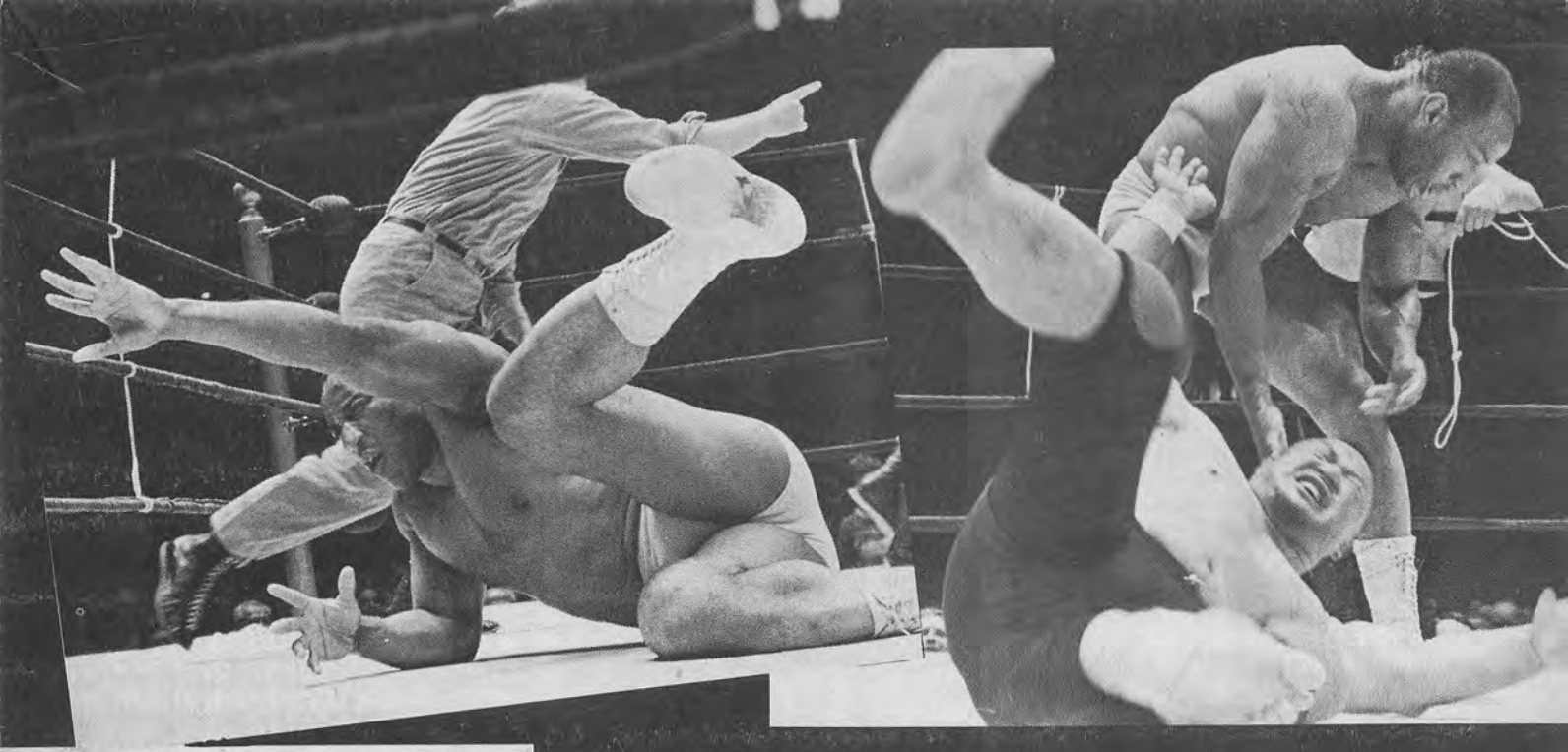
For this was none other than the fabulous "Mr. Universe," Earl Maynard, a truly amazing man.

Believe it or not, this robust 30-year-old from Barbados, West Indies, started out in life as a very skinny, sickly child. He turned to body building to try to improve his health and physique. How well he succeeded!

But it took long, hard workouts and weight-lifting sessions to attain his goal. At the age of 17, Earl was only 5'10" tall and weighed 130 pounds.

Despite his poor health, he had a happy childhood. Barbados, a small island, consists of only 180 square miles. The climate is always warm, permitting many enjoyable hours of fishing and other outdoor activities.

Earl left Barbados when he was 18 and moved to England where he completed his education. He won a degree of M.S.F. in Physio-therapy in



London.

He is highly educated and very intelligent, has a wonderful speaking voice, and is well informed on all subjects. And he's still unmarried! "I'm still looking for the right one," he says with a laugh.

Actually, his wrestling started while he was in the British Air Force. He was stationed on Cypress, an island off Greece. Wrestling is a very popular sport there, but the facilities were very limited, so the implements for his weight-lifting and conditioning had to be improvised with what materials he could find.

While Earl was on Cypress, the British wrestling promotor was there on a holiday. He saw him, and liked what he saw so he started Earl on his way to becoming a wrestler. He became a professional wrestler in 1960.

Earl is a very active man. He is always on the move. Out of a month's time, he is on the road 20 days.

Earl just bought a home in Kansas City, Missouri, but he doesn't have much time to spend in it and enjoy it. When he is there, however, he loves to use his culinary talents. He is a very good cook. He likes steaks, chops, and foreign foods. He watches his diet very carefully, staying away from fried and overly cooked foods.

When you have your own home, and are still single and eligible, you learn to do for yourself.

Earl doesn't really have a manager, but the man responsible for bringing him to the United States is Mr. Gus Karras from Missouri.

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There was plenty of action in Madison Square Garden when Earl and Prof. Tanaka collided.

Earl Maynard is the proud holder of many titles in the body building field, including Mr. Europe 1959, Mr. England 1960, Mr. Universe 1964 and 1965, and Mr. Television of England 1964. And while winning all these titles, he was still wrestling regularly.

Earl Maynard has every right in the world to be proud of his record.

Earl has a brother who was also very active in sports while going to college. His brother is now married and raising a family. He is an engineer in England, so boxing and weight-lifting have taken a back seat. His family is now his first love. Earl

Earl has done his fair share of traveling. So far he's wrestled in Germany, France, Israel, Lebanon, the West Indies and Belgium. Surprisingly, he has never been to Japan, Australia, or California. When he makes it to California, he's looking forward to matches with Fred Blassie, Ray Stevens, and Buddy Austin. He doesn't pick on small easy men, he likes big tough men, who will really give him a challenge. These three men will put up a hard fight against him, but Earl is capable of holding his own with any of them.

Of course, Earl admires a well developed body, and the late great George Hackenschmidt was one of Earl's favorites because of his great strength, ability and body development. Size isn't really that important. Of course it can be an asset, but also a hindrance, Earl believes. "It's a man's ability that really counts," he said. "A smaller man may have greater mobility, whereas a larger man may find it hard to outmaneuver his smaller opponent.

Earl was high in his praise of the Kentucky Butcher. He feels that with a little more experience, and after he perfects his timing, Kentucky Butcher can be one of the really great wrestlers, but at the present time, the most promising wrestler is Victor Rivera, a 23-year-old from Puerto Rico, who is yet to be defeated.

In fact Earl's toughest matches so far have been with The Kentucky Butcher and Professor Toru Tanaka. Earl has a talent for grappling with the best in the business, yet no man seems to frighten him. He walks right in there and faces them all; knows how to handle a man of any size.

Earl stands outside of the doors and observes the matches prior to his, but at times, when the going gets too rough or dirty, he has to leave and go back to the dressing room. He gets so mad that his blood pressure goes up.

Everyone knows that wrestling is different in the U.S. than in England, but Earl informed me that the referees are also much different in England. They are much stricter. For instance, when a man is down on the mat, his opponent cannot touch him. He has to be standing on both feet in order to make bodily contact of any type.

Dr. Harry Kleinman has no trouble finding Earl in top physical shape. After all he was twice winner of the "Mr. Universe" title.

Actually, Earl prefers the European style of wrestling. A man needs more scientific knowledge to win, but here in the States, brutal strenght takes precedence over knowledge. The men here are so much bigger and heavier. They seem to get bigger every year as the sport keeps getting rougher and tougher.

Earl loves the sport of wrestling, but there are times when he regrets becoming a wrestler. It has its advantages and disadvantages. The disadvantages are all the injuries, such as broken bones, pulled and torn muscles, cuts, pulled cartilages, bruises, etc. The advantages are: seeing the world, meeting so many people, broadening one's scope, learning different languages, seeing how people in other countries live. Wrestling is an exciting world of its own, different than anything anyone could possibly imagine, and the money is very good. It would have to be for what a wrestler has to do to earn it. There must be an easier way for a man to earn a living, I'd think.

Earl's coco-butt can be a very dangerous move against himself, if he isn't careful. He has to hit at a certain angle or he can injure himself. In fact, he has knocked himself out a few times because he wasn't at the exact angle when he applied it.

In a few years Earl hopes to have a chance at the championship. He doesn't feel ready for it yet; he needs more experience. He said, "When I have a title match, I'm going to win it, not try and win it."

When Earl is in the ring, he starts swaying his shoulders, and walking around his man, never taking his eyes off him for a second. His movements are very sleek and graceful, muscles ripple under his skin. It's like a large cat stalking his prey, ready to pounce. Earl is very cagy and careful, his opponent being somewhat dazzled by all his fancy footwork. He's a hard man to keep track of. You have to keep your eyes on him at all times, or you may not be seeing anything at all!

He is connected with the insurance and investment business, and he is a great asset to the Maccabees Mutual of Detroit. He would be a great addition to any business.

One last word of advice to all Earl Maynard fans, you would be wise to be careful of what you say if you are around him. He has the ability to read lips at a distance and is a possessor of a little E.S.P. ability, so be careful; he may know everything you say.

All of us on the East Coast will be honored by Earl's great abilities for awhile yet, so you can count on many exciting thrill-packed matches in the Maine, New York, Boston and Philadelphia areas. Be patient, the rest of you, you'll have your chance at some future time to see the fabulous "Mr. Universe," Earl Maynard in action. He's well worth the price of admission alone. He is a wonder of the wrestling world.

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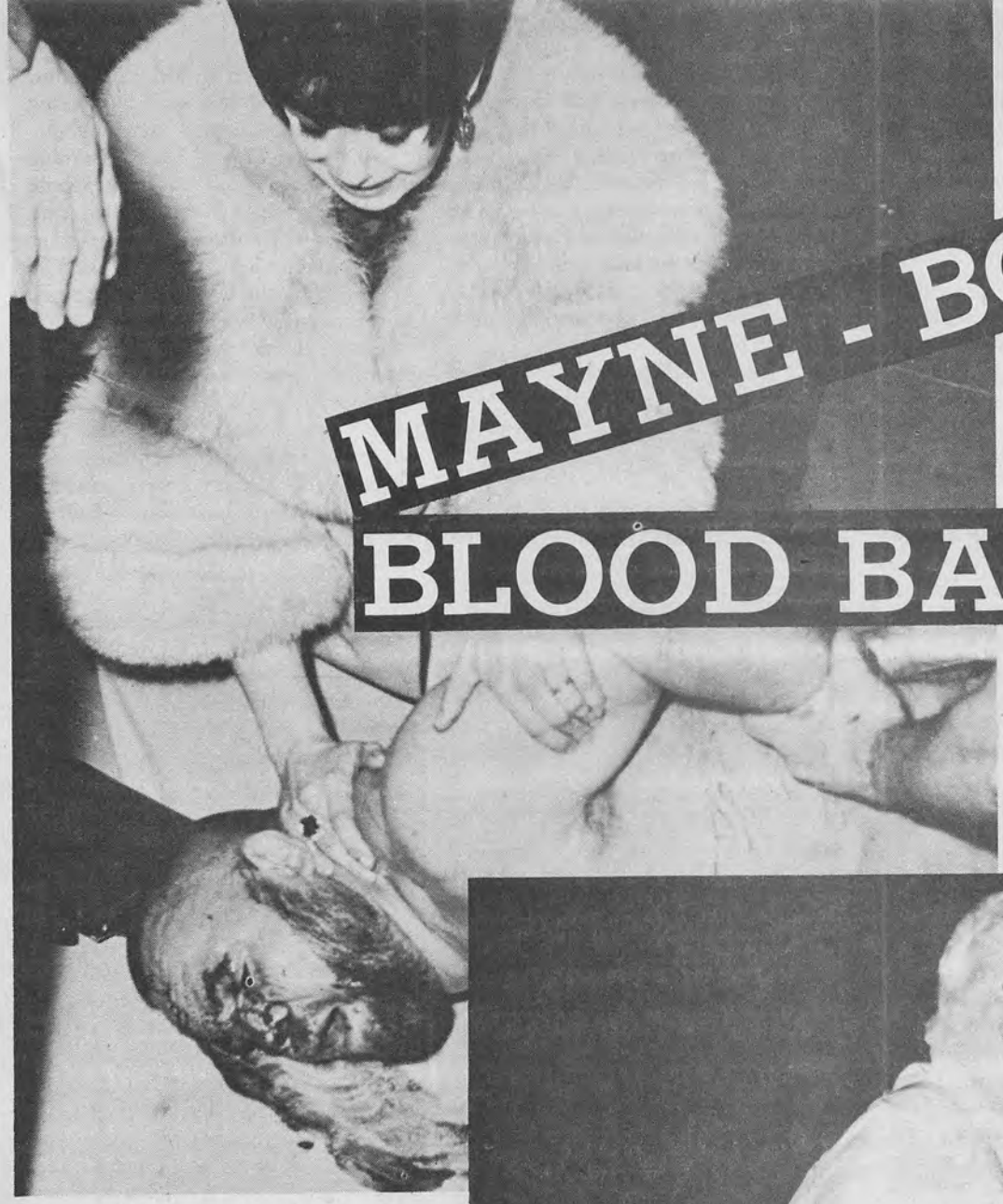
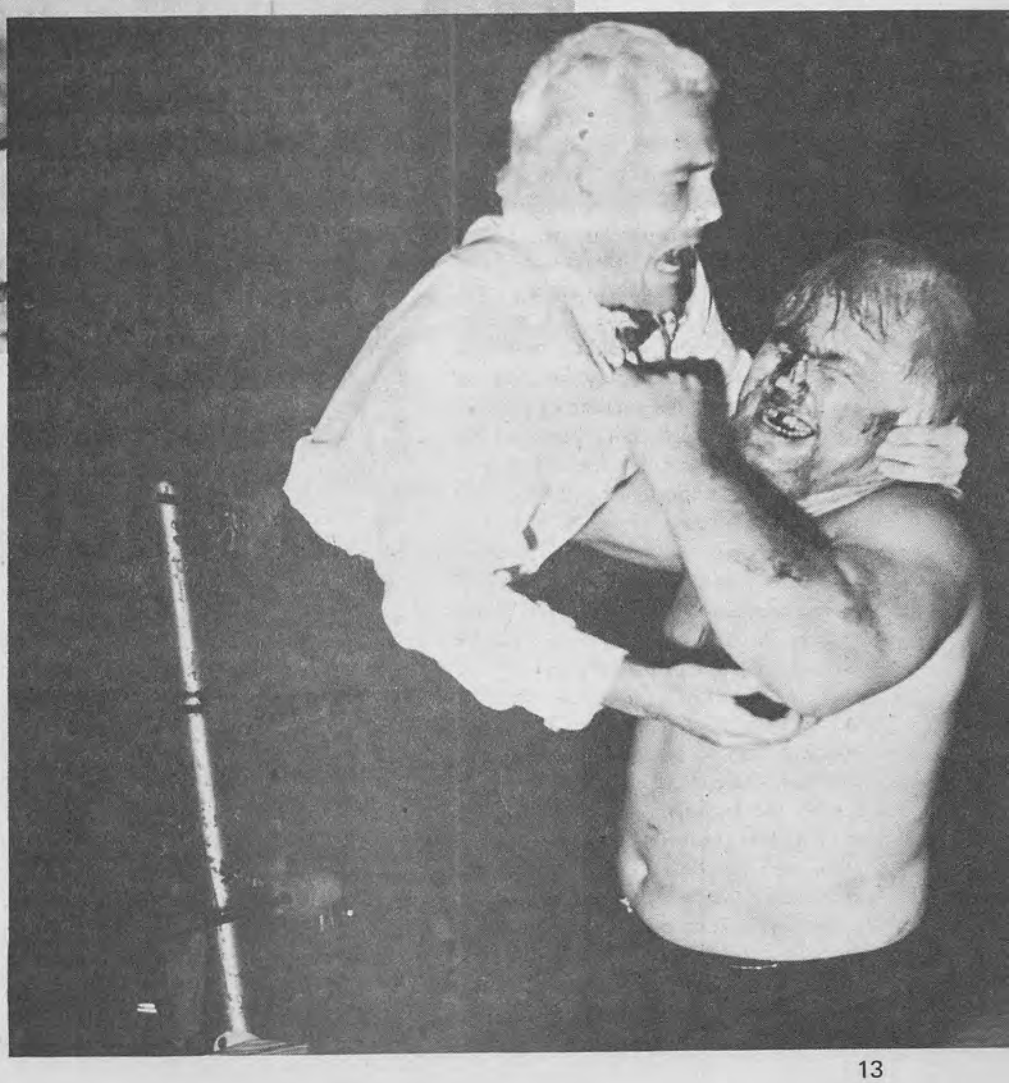
Photos by Bob Lynn

MAYNE - BORNE BLOOD BATH





The end of the match! Tony's wife tries to help her stricken husband as he lies unconscious on the arena floor, the still dazed Mayne attacks his new partner, Beauregard, who came to his aid.

By S. A. LaCombe

Loss of the world tag team title, held for less than a month by the Lonnie Mayne-Tony Borne duo, was like sticking a match to dynamite. The year-long partnership exploded, exposing fans to some of the hardest hitting, ruthless wrestling ever seen.

"Tough" Tony Borne hangs the blame for their recent defeat on his former partner, saying, "He goofed up the world tag team for us. He thought he knew more than he did."

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Mayne, the younger member of the team and once claimed by Borne as his protege, said that Borne pushed him too far.

"He was always saying he was the success of the tag team. He was over the hill until I came. He was a has-been," Mayne said.

Revenge flared to fever pitch when Borne and Mayne faced each other for the first time on the canvas in Portland's Memorial Coliseum. Billed as "The Greatest Grudge Match of the Century," the fight drew over 8,000 fans, paying an estimated $20,000.

Promoter Don Owen of Eugene had a hard time finding a referee, and called as far away as St. Louis, but with no takers. Finally, Stan "The Crusher" Stasiak agreed to officiate.

Before the match could get under way, a Portland commissioner ordered Mayne to take off a wrist band, from his right hand, and there was a small scuffle as Stasiak complied.

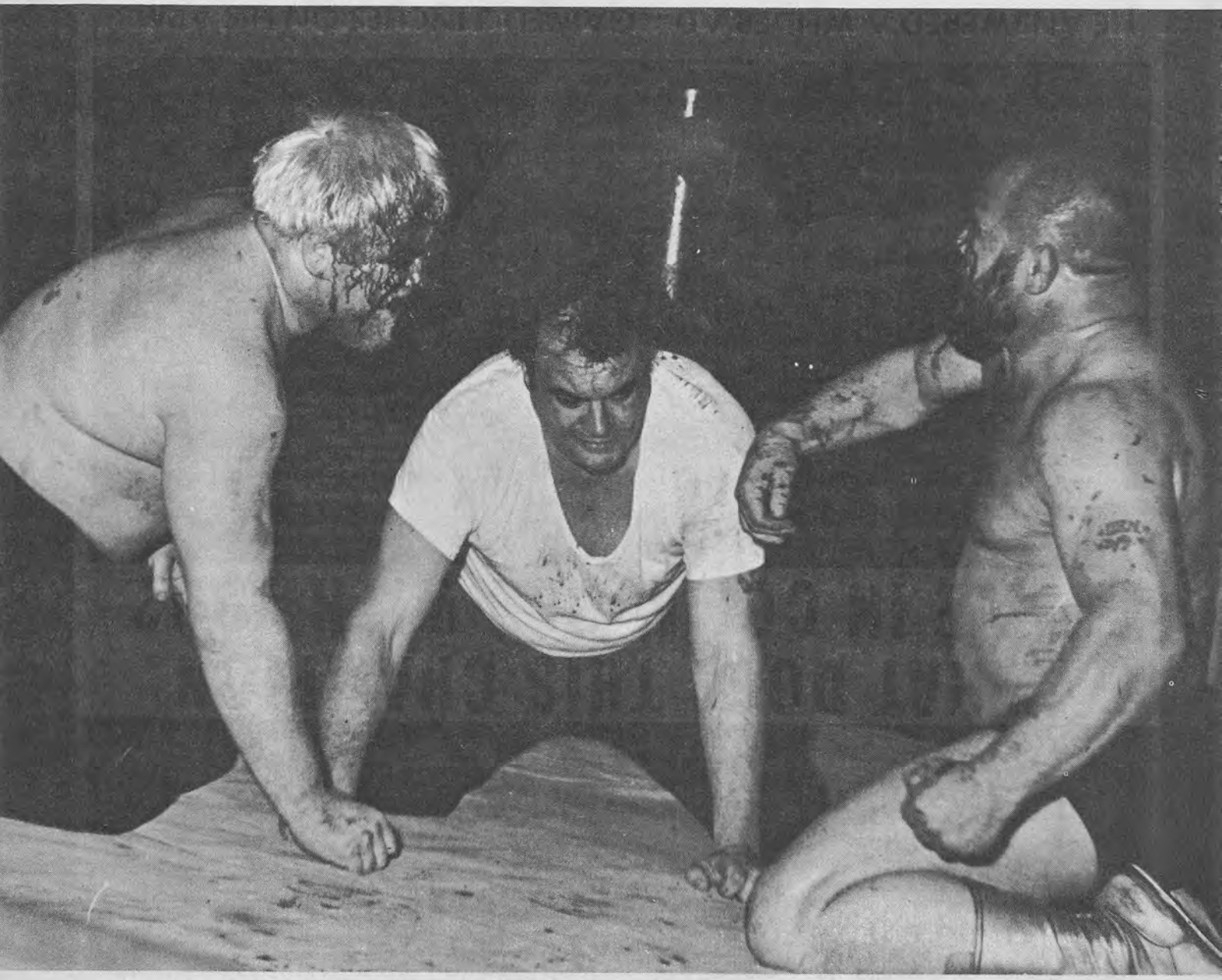
The first fall went to Borne with his "bombs away," executed from the top turn buckle.

During the second fall, Tony hit Lonnie so hard that he left his hand print on Lonnie's belly. Keeping his advantage, Tony drew the first blood shortly afterward by pounding with his fists on Lonnie's head. Mayne recovered enough to slam Tony and get a knee drop from the top turnbuckle, and retaliated by opening a cut on Borne's head.

Neither man had the strength to get off the mat, and referee Stasiak received an ill-aimed blow in the head from Borne, as the wrestlers fought it out on their knees.

Dazed, Stasiak measured himself on the canvas, while Lonnie tried to wipe the blood from his eyes, and Borne sat stunned on the bottom rope.

Beauregarde, Mayne's new tag team partner, rushed into the ring. Shaking vigorously on the rope, Beauregarde unseated Borne, knocking him out of the ring and onto the arena floor. Mayne recovered sufficiently to



The referee got caught in the middle and has his head split open by a blow aimed at Lonnie by the groggy Borne. The two bloody rivals beat each other to a pulp.

jump from the ring onto Tony, landing several body slams and kicks.

A group of wrestlers lifted Mayne back into the ring, and the referee recovered enough to have the bell rung, marking the end of the bloody second round.

Stasiak confered with a relief referee (Elton Owen), and awarded the match to Borne, ruling Beauregarde's assistance illegal.

This was too much for Mayne. He began slugging everyone in the ring – Stasiak, Elton Owen, Luigi Macera, Beauregarde, and Johnny Koasts.

On the floor of the arena, Borne was still down. His wife, wrestling commissioner Yerkouvitch, and Sandy Barr came to his aid. An ambulance was called.

Borne was rushed to Emanual Hospital, suffering from a back injury. He remained for two days, under doctor's orders.

Although the match put Borne temporarily out of commission, he recovered enough to wrestle again in Roseburg the following Saturday night.

In a rematch of the Borne-Mayne fight a couple of weeks later, Lonnie was awarded the win, when both were out on the arena floor. Mayne was the first wrestler able to make it back into the ring.

Still in contention was ownership of the Pacific Northwest Tag Team belt, which they owned jointly. According to both, there was no chance of them getting together to defend their title.

"We're done," said Mayne.

"He put eight stitches in my head," said Borne, "We are finished as a team."

Claim to the disputed Northwest title was settled in a contest between the former partners, when each selected another teammate for a showdown.

Mayne and Beauregarde defeated Borne and Luigi Macera, and are currently the Northwest Tag Team Champions.

Borne isn't taking the loss lightly. He's out to recapture his title, and settle the score with Mayne. He has even enlisted the services of Stan "The Crusher" Stasiak, in an attempt to dethrone Mayne.

Borne recruited the Crusher, believing him to be "big enough and tough enough" to manhandle the rivals.

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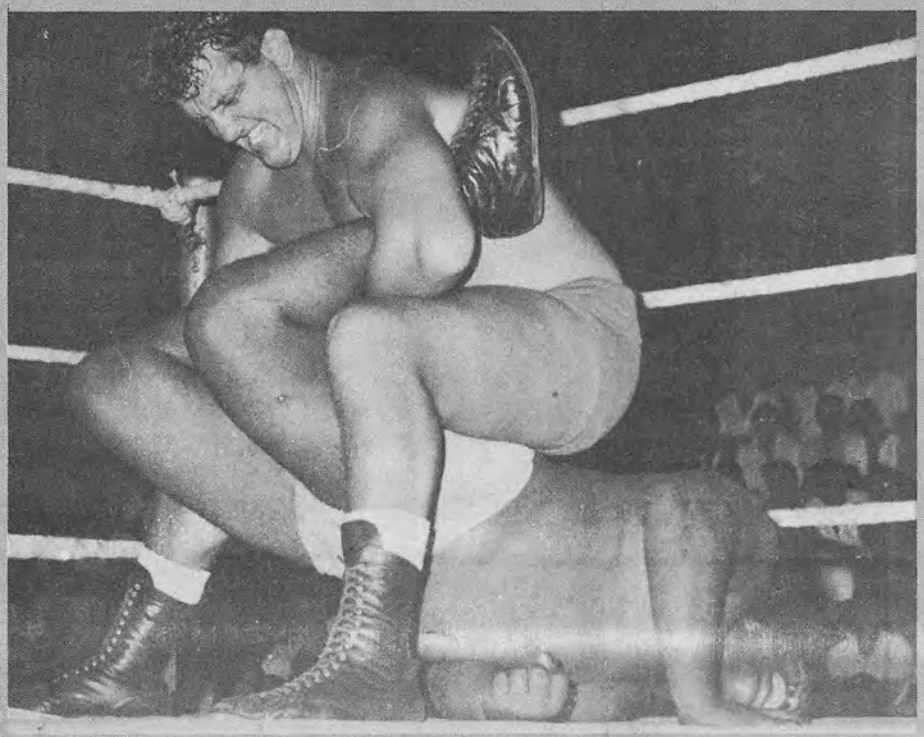
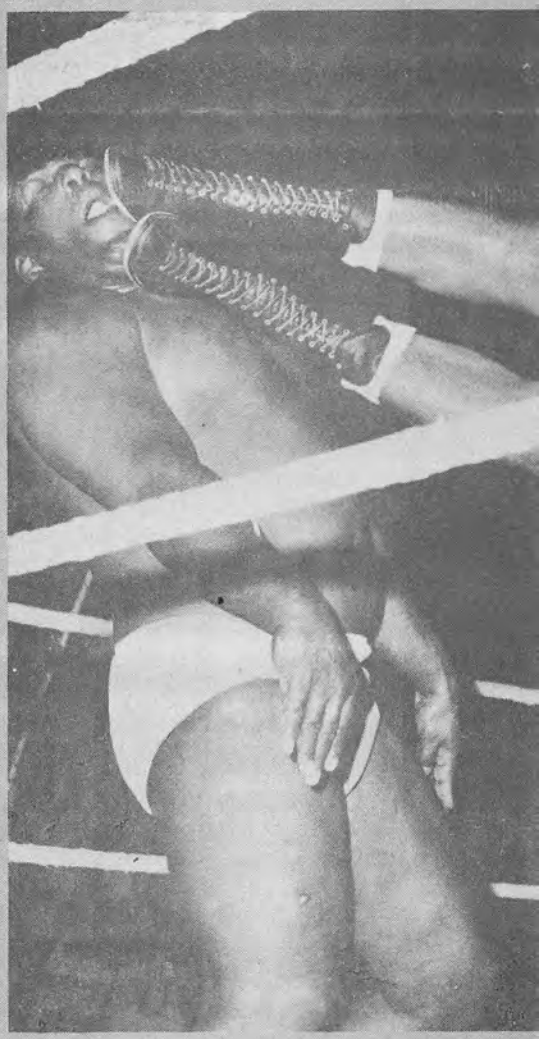
Borne was removed to a hospital by the ambulance attendants.

It took four wrestlers to subdue the crazed Mayne after the match had ended. Right the pair back when they were partners and friends.



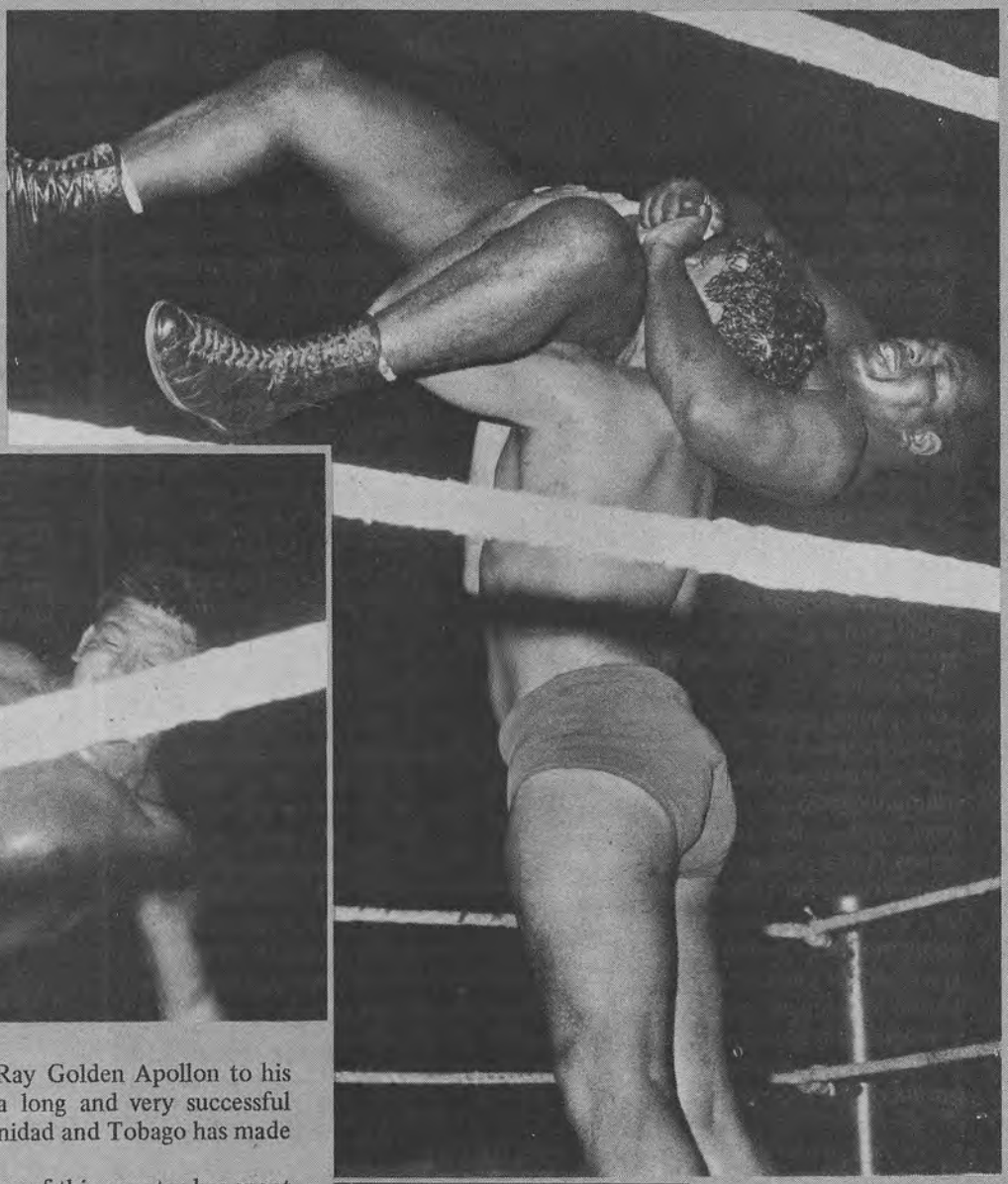
A Boston-Crab clamped on Ray Apollon by Bill Robinson had the local idol in plenty of trouble.

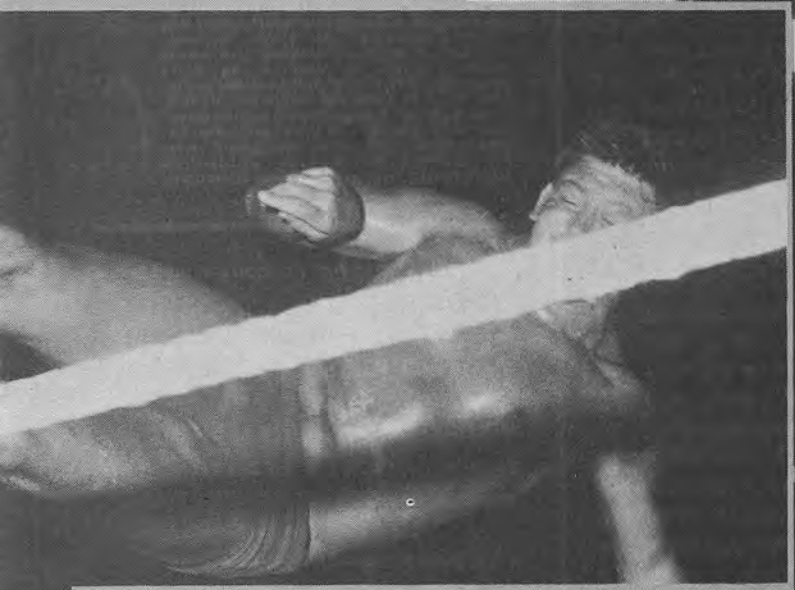


A little horseplay, indulged by (l-r) Referee M. Taylor, his daughter, John Lees, Promoter Mr. Whitehead and Bill Robinson.

WRESTLING ACTION IN

A perfectly timed snapshot of Robinson's dropkick catching Apollon on the chin. Below, Apollon escaped this by bringing Robinson down flat on his back.





With the return of Dr. Ray Golden Apollon to his native Trinidad after a long and very successful tour of Europe, wrestling in Trinidad and Tobago has made a strong comeback.

Apollon, an idol to the fans of this country has spent much time traveling around Trinidad and Tobago and visiting the small neighbouring islands where he has organized small groups of local boys into schools of wrestling.

Under the promotional banner of the Trinidad & Tobago Wrestling Association and promoter Mr. Whitehead, outstanding grapplers from Latin-America and Europe have been brought in to face Apollon and other local boys.

To name just a few: Odd Job, Sais Shah, Nick Barone, Big Brutus, King Black, The Dark Buffalo, and from England John Leeds and Bill Robinson.

The match between Robinson, champion of Great Britain, and Apollon held at the Woodbrook Youth Centre in Port of Spain was a thrilling match that was won by Apollon after a terrific struggle.

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Its all over—as Robinson is forced to submit.

TRINIDAD ON THE UPSWING

by George J. Parks

Mrs. Monroe is Louisiana promoter

THE LADY IS THE BOSS

Aside from her wrestling promotions, Mrs. Monroe runs a western supply store.

By Jack Merwede

Family ties are probably as evident in wrestling as in any other field, perhaps more so. Dick Steinborn's father is a promoter. Les Welch's brother is a promoter. Milo Steinborn was a wrestler before he became a promoter, as was Roy Welch. Milo encouraged his son to become a wrestler, as did Roy his younger brother.

Sputnik Monroe's wife is a promoter. That's right, Sputnik's attractive and mild-mannered bride has distinguished herself as one of professional wrestling's most able promoters.

What does all this mean to The Sweet Man?

"I'll tell you one thing it means, buster," says Sputnik. "It means that the promoter in *my* family didn't take me by the hand when I was a little kid and gently break me into the harsh realities of pro wrestling – I had to learn the hard way! I already had most of these scars and lumps on my kisser when my old lady stepped into the game in an executive capacity!"

Midge Bell Monroe is a pleasing contrast to her hard-fighting, often outspoken husband. She is at once a likeable, outgoing person and a hard-headed businesswoman.

"She handles the promotion (in Louisiana) better than most men could," says LeRoy McGuirk, veteran promoter and the man with whom Mrs. Monroe most often deals when she seeks new and better talent.

Bill Golden, another astute gentleman of note among wrestling promoters, says of Midge Bell Monroe, "I'm glad she's on my side. I'd hate to have her for an enemy!"

"Actually," says Midge Bell,

Looking more like a glamorous movie star than a lady wrestling promoter is Midge Bell Monroe.

"there's not all that much to it. You just have to have a knack for getting along with people; I'm lucky in that respect."

It quite naturally occurs to any observer that Mr. and Mrs. Monroe might quite likely meet in a strictly business capacity, he being a wrestler and she a promoter. Such a situation *could* cause complications.

Asked if she ever promoted one of her husband's matches, Mrs. Monroe replied, "Oh yes. I could hardly be a successful promoter if I didn't seek out the best wrestling talent available, and I honestly feel that Sputnik qualifies as such."

Does Sputnik get any special consideration from his promoter-wife?

"Absolutely not!" says she. "When Sputnik signs a contract to wrestle on one of my cards, he is treated just like any other professional athlete under contract to a promoter. No easy matches, no unearned main events – just what anyone else would get."

"I can vouch for that!" Sputnik informs us. "When it comes to writing those contracts and wielding that checkbook, she's as tough as any Monroe should be! Hell, I argued with her once about a payoff being too small and she told me if I didn't like it I could pack my jockstrap and hit the road!"

"I really didn't mean it," laughed Midge Bell when asked about "firing" her husband,"I just wanted to keep our business relationship the way it should be."

Sputnik Monroe once made the statement that, back where he came from, it was the custom to "bell-break" women. "We'd hang a bell around their neck," he explained, "and set down with a stick. As long as the bell kept jingling, we knew they was busy cleaning up around the house and such. When it got quiet, we'd give them a rap on the head with the stick! And if you notice the Golden Bell with a diamond clapper in it, my Cajun Queen is Bell Broke."

No sticks for me at our house, Midge Bell smiled. "Seriously, though, I guess it's because I always cook his favorite meals, take care of the kitchen and all. I never give him any reason to resent my role as a businesswoman."

A successful wrestling promoter – and Midge Bell Monroe is certainly that – will always seek the matches that will be the most closely-contested. In other words, the ones that could go either way, the participants being very evenly-matched. In Sputnik's case, such a contest is likely to become quite violent. He could get hurt and, to be sure, so could his opponent; but the promoter who signs the match is the one who actually creates the possibility of such a thing happening. Does the idea of bringing about a set of circumstances through which Sputnik might get injured bother his wife?

"Not in the least," says Mrs. Monroe. "Sputnik is a wrestler by choice, and he's no wide-eyed kid. He knows what the score is. His matches are apt to be violent, as you say, because that's his style. Frankly, I worry more about losing the services of his opponents!"

Sputnik Monroe inspires a variety of reactions from the fans who watch him in action. Some love him, others hate him. He himself seems quite unwilling to solicit either emotion, going his own way and letting his public think what they will.

Occasionally, however, Sputnik will see fit to associate himself with some decidedly unsavory characters. Take, for instance, the time he saw fit to solicit the services of "Gentleman" Saul Weingeroff as his manager.

"It was strictly business," Sputnik explains; "I got to thinking a manager would be useful, and that's what I get for thinking. To say that Weingeroff is a little unsavory is an understatement, but I can get just as unsavory as anyone else when I have to, and in his case I did. I finally discovered that I needed a jerk like him about as much as Bobo Brazil needs a suntan. Most managers are a bunch of leeches, and Weingeroff is no exception!"

Asked about her husband's associations with individuals such as Weingeroff, Midge Bell says, "Who he hangs around with is Sputnik's own affair. I don't interfere in such matters, however I am glad that he was able to see through Saul Weingeroff."

Sputnik Monroe is no henpecked individual, to be sure. For any woman to be able to handle him in a business deal and be married to him at the same time requires a lot of tact and good business sense. It would seem that Midge Bell Monroe has these qualities in abundance.

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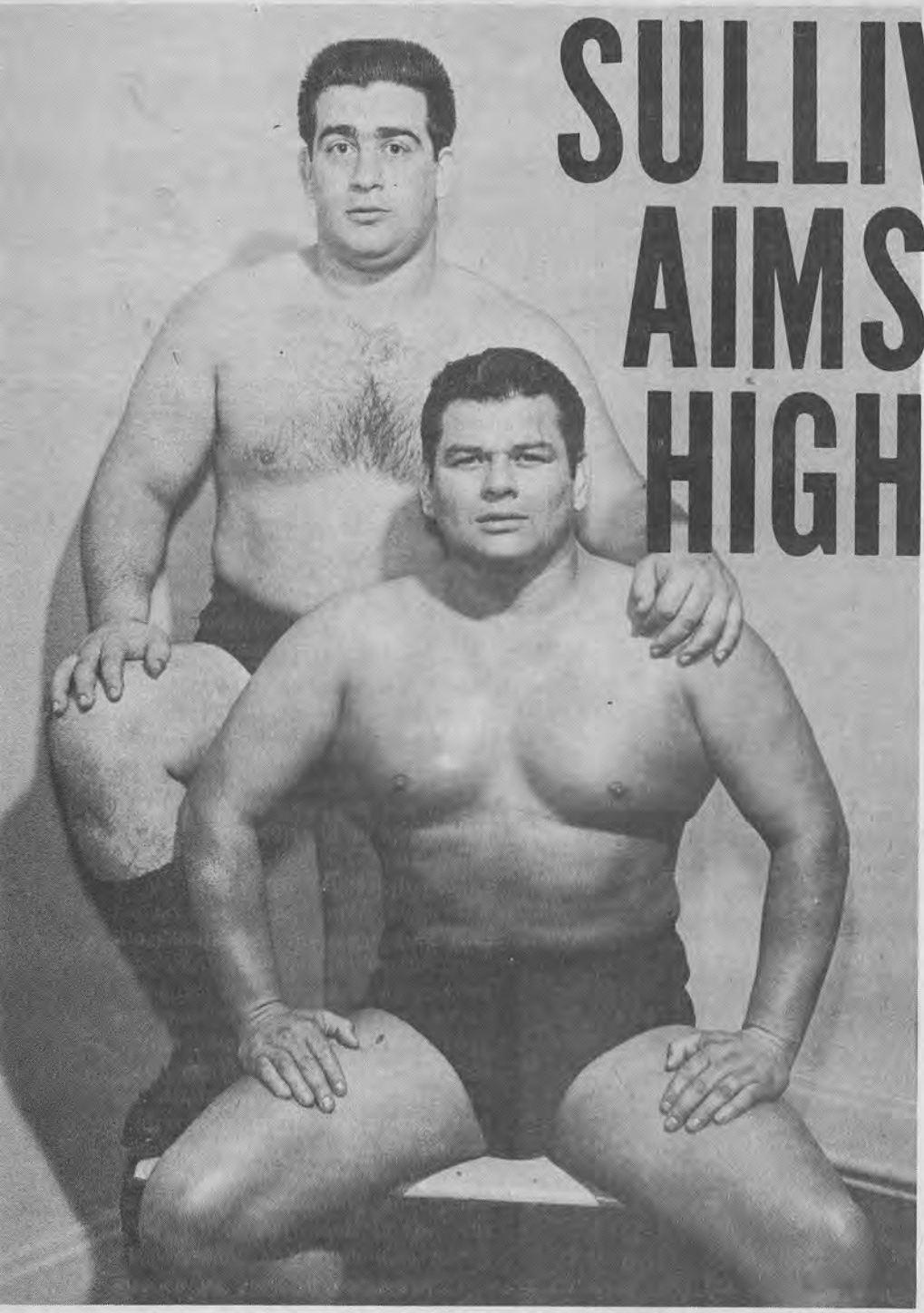
SULLIVAN AIMS HIGH



Eddie has teamed on occasion with Gene Dundee, but he prefers to go it alone.

By Michael A. Glick

One of the top states in the field of wrestling today is Tennessee, and one of the top favorites with the fans is Eddie Sullivan.

Since coming to Tennessee some months ago, Eddie has appeared all over the Volunteer state and in every city and town he has captured the hearts of the wrestling fans. His action-packed style and the pleasing personality have won him the admiration of the young and old, men and women alike.

Eddie is always happy to sign an autograph for a fan, or pose for a picture or just stop for a minute, shake hands and chat.

While tag-team wrestling is number one in Tennesse, Eddie prefers to wrestle as a single.

To him wrestling is a very serious business and in order for him to have a partner with whom he could wrestle to the best of his ability, Eddie would have to spend much time training him to wrestle with him and his winning technique. He has been forced on occasions to wrestle as part of a team, and while he has done well, he feels he is at his best in single matches.

Sullivan was born in Buckeye, Arizona, a small town thirty-five miles west of Phoenix. He was an all-around athlete in high school, winning letters in football, wrestling, swimming and basketball.

At the age of twenty he began his professional grappling career after a long and hard training period under Paavo Keentonon.

Some of you old timers who had the pleasure of watching Keentonon in action can understand why Eddie is such an outstanding wrestler. Paavo showed no mercy while training Eddie. The younger man found keeping up with the pace set for him by Keentonon a very difficult task.

This hard training paid off big, however. When he stepped into the ring for the first time as a pro, he was a hardened athlete, honed to a sharp edge and ready to take on anyone.

He has faced some of the best in the business during the few short years he has been in the sport and more than held his own. His toughest foe, he said, was "The Brute", whom he collided with in Amarillo, Texas, a while back. But Eddie doesn't believe that any wrestler is an easy match and he respects each of his opponents highly.

Inside the ring, Sullivan tries to wrestle in a scientific manner, but he sometimes finds it necessary to fight fire with fire. When this happens he can and does get just as rough as his opponent wants it.

Outside the ring he is one of the friendliest, most humorous persons you would want to meet. He has won the fans not only in Tennessee, but wherever he has wrestled, with his warm personality. They know he is what he claims to be, a real nice guy.

Along with wrestling, Eddie enjoys fishing and boating and his

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"I'M JUST MISUNDERSTOOD" "WAILS KILLER KARL KOX"

Two views of Karl's skillful holds, hair-pulling and a punch in the nose.

Ever since an easy defeat of the inimitable Skippy Jackson and manager Sammy Rizk in his first professional appearance in Ohio, the fierce and determined Texan has used his vicious tactics and aggressive style to win his way to the top. The fans flock to the stadiums and hurl abuse at one of the best symbols of hate they have yet been privileged to insult. His name, in case you haven't already guessed, is Karl "Killer" Kox!

By Glenda Williams

Just as Alan Burke loves to make people talk, so do I. Therefore, an interview with a reportedly uncooperative mat star, whose reputation for being a "clam" when it comes to talking openly to reporters is widely recognized, should really test my ability.

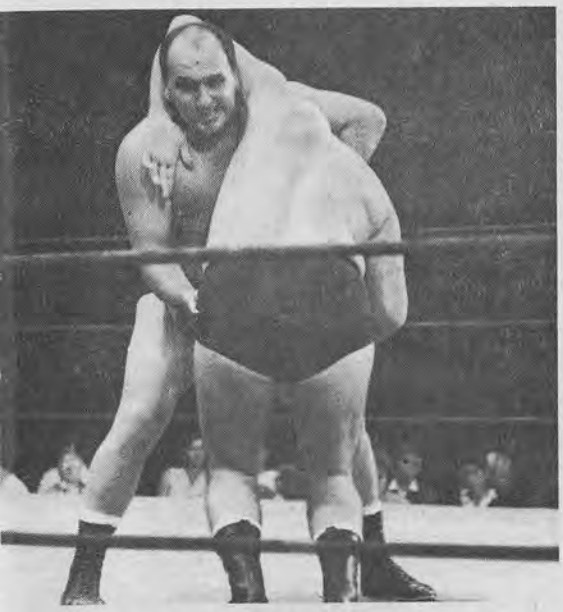
That is, I thought it would!

"You're kidding", was the common response of those learning of my next assignment.

"You won't be the first to be thrown out on your ear with the shortest story of all time", said one.

"See you in five minutes", mused another.

Not to be deterred, I reached the door of his luxury apartment, and with an opening phrase planted firmly in my mind, managed a timid knock which was answered immediately, followed by a loud and cheerful "Howdy Neighbor." Craning my neck, I was able to focus on the bronze-tanned, smiling face of the Texan giant – Karl "Killer" Kox.



John Marshall is about to get a sample of Kox's "Brainbuster."

Somewhat relieved that I'd caught him at an opportune time, I realized that this was going to be easy. Settled on the long red couch near spacious windows overlooking Luna Park and the ocean, Karl told me in detail of his early life, his wonderful family and his interesting mat career.

It is from this then, that I have prepared a precis of events in the life of a champion.

Baltimore was the birthplace of Kox on April 26th. Seven years ago he moved to Amarillo, Texas, "to live the good life" as he puts it, on a ranch where he and his family still reside today.

It became increasingly apparent throughout the interview that money was the prime reason for the vocation Kox decided upon nine years ago; and he owes it all to the great Joe Dusek, one of the famous Dusek Brothers, who was responsible for Karl's first break in professional wrestling. Joe liked what he saw, Karl liked what he heard, and that was the beginning of a wrestling career destined for greatness.

The months of hard work had paid off, resulting in victory for Kox over the strange, yet popular tactics of Skippy Jackson within a matter of

seconds at an auditorium in Ohio. Jackson's manager protested violently along with the thousands of fans in attendance, but to no avail. This was the start of something big for Kox and he has kept his standard high with a string of mat victories that would take a week to read.

Kox stands 6'1" and his 255 lbs. are distributed in a manner which females find hard to ignore. He keeps in such great shape with regular workouts using weights, and intense road work.

Karl and his charming wife, Helen, are the proud parents of two fine boys, Tucky, 15, and Steve, 9. I asked Karl if he wished to see his children follow in his footsteps, career-wise.

"Absolutely not", he replied firmly.

"What of your plans for retirement?" I almost whispered, knowing even as I said it that I shouldn't have. Then came the reply I anticipated. "Retirement, who me? I'm in great shape," he announced, adjusting his position to create a majestic image. Then he answered with, "No, I haven't given a thought to my plans after I quit the ring".

Karl learned to fight as a boy. "My amateur status consisted of street fights and alley brawls. Even when I first started school I had to defend myself from the bigger kids. Later on I put what I had learned into practice by participating in the rough sports. Ice-hockey, football and baseball were those I really specialized in."

I guess I'm just a born natural for anything with an element of the aggressive. I'm always that way in the ring. I don't know any other style. Anyway, that's how I win all my matches. The only wrestler I admire is myself. I wouldn't say I'm the roughest but I'm easily the best.

"Now when it comes to my dislikes I'd have to put Mark Lewin first. He is without a doubt the guy I hate most in and out of the ring. Of course it depends who I'm rassling at the time, but Lewin is the most conceited and lousy specimen this sport has to offer." Descriptions of Mark Lewin that followed were in bad taste, to say the least, so I changed the subject. "Don't you lean towards the text-book style of wrestling just a little?" I asked, becoming a little impatient with his earlier braggadocio.

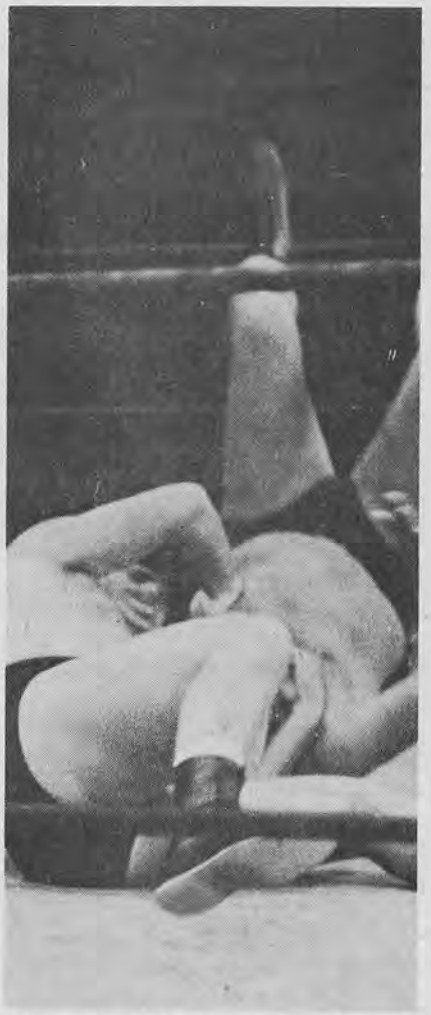
He laughed. "Scientific, me! – I wouldn't know a headlock from a padlock, or a half nelson from a half holiday. I'm strictly tough in this business. Karl Gotch – now there's a scientific rassler. The best I've seen. Many disagree because he moves so fast, but when you know as many holds as he does, you don't need to stay in the same position too long."

Karl has held many titles, including the I.W.A. (Australian) championship, North American championship, Texas heavyweight championship, Nebraska State heavyweight championship – one could go on forever.

Perhaps the most memorable match Kox ever had was in Detroit during 1966, when he and Mark Lewin fought one of the bloodiest battles of all time. Both were bleeding so profusely that attendants used stretchers to carry them from the ring.

In spite of self-admiration, Karl is very sincere in his praise for promoter Jim Barnett. "Jim is the finest promoter I have worked for", says Kox. "He has everything a promoter needs – intelligence, a great brain for business, a sense of humor and above all – money, and plenty of it. Barnett is similar to me in considering the above factors, that's why we both command so much respect."

On the question of injuries due to audience participation, Karl had plenty to say. "The fans – sure they love me – why there was the time when I had 37 stitches inserted in my head. It was in New Mexico when a fan hit me with a chair. That kid really came out on the short end. Today I am still barred from that area. In fact,



The finish of the "Brainbuster," a hold that many feel should be outlawed.

Knox struts around the ring to the cheers (boos) of the fans.

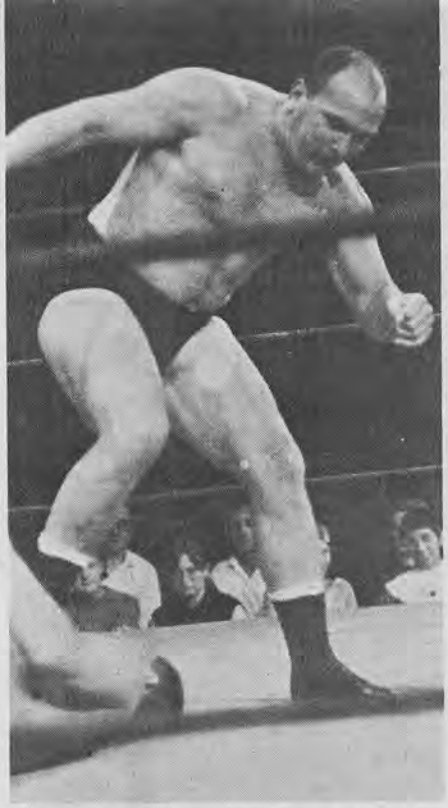
I have been suspended from more states than any rassler in the business. Wrestling fans are O.K. because they pay the gate, but they don't pay to participate in matches – especially mine. I have a special reward for anyone who tries."

Karl began pacing the room like a caged tiger.

"While I'm in the mood I have another peeve", he continued, "and this is something which really makes my blood boil. Although Texas is my home, there is one thing I detest." He hesitated before going on." The Texas Athletic Commission is the most corrupt and stinking commission in existence! This so-called body of know-alls is run by politicians who don't know a thing about sports. I'm saying this because they had the audacity to suspend me – me! "he yelled viciously, poking himself in the chest, "for 90 days! And when I was quite justified in defending myself. If they want some good advice they oughta take politics right out of sports!"

He became quiet, then began to tell me about his pastimes away from the mat wars – photography, skin diving and golf. Karl has collected some very expensive equipment in these three fields, his prize possession being a movie camera, which never leaves his side. His photographic genius is second only to his prowess as a fine wrestling exponent, and I know he has the qualities necessary for a wrestler to be on top at 50. Excluding retirement or serious injury, I foresee this wrestler throwing abuse at a future generation and still on the receiving end of active rebuttal from his adoring fans; long after grapplers of his present generation have been pinned to the mat by Father Time.

It was Mark Lewin, incidentally, who headed the campaign first organized in Australia to bar Kox's devastating maneuver – the "Brain-Buster." Much controversy arose from this, yet Karl still uses this bone crushing technique as effectively as the great Strangler Lewis's headlock or Frank Gotch's big asset, the deadly toe-hold. Ask Tex McKenzie, Spiros Arion, Mario Milano, Rip Hawk, Billy White Wolf, Larry O'Dea or the countless others who have fallen victim to Karl's brutality, just how they felt after a match with him. I know what their answers will be, particularly if they also screamed in pain from the effects of a "Crazy Mary," so-called by Karl when he loses his temper, which is often.



Now, there is nothing wrong with Kox's footwork, is there?

Karl can't understand why the fans don't love him.

Kox and Sky Low Low and Little Brutus pose with hotel doorman in Melbourne.

In closing, I asked Karl about his closest friends in wrestling. "I don't have any," said Kox. "Basically I am a very easy guy to get along with but no one wants to be friendly with me. This goes for most fans, too. They expect me to act unfriendly towards them, so they try and get smart right off. That's when they regret it and get what they give in return. Very few know the real me, I'm another guy away from the ring."

I could see this for myself and was very satisfied with his down-to-earth conversation and the revelation of his innermost thoughts. All this without the bull-throated roars and abrupt manners I had originally expected.

As a final warning – If you're at ringside when Kox yells "I've got a message from Garcia", stand back because he's plenty mad. At that time even his opponents know something's about to happen and more often than not, they don't wait for details.

Over-all, I guess it's Karl Kox – a "Killer", but a nice guy. I'll let you be the judge.

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A WRESTLING REVUE EXCLUSIVE

COLOGNE'S INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

By Tom F. Burke

Gustl Kaiser, who has been promoting for 25 years, is Germany's top man in the field.

The match in which Wolfgang Saturski (son of the old Bavarian Boy Rudy Jacobs) used a beautiful Boston Crab to subdue Josef Molnar in an early fall.

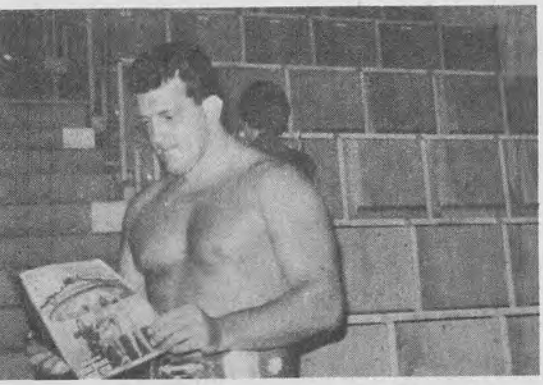
Cologne, Germany, was the setting for a recent 19 day International Wrestling Tournament, promoted by Deutschland's top promoter, Herr Gustl Kaiser. The term International correctly describes this tourney. Just looking at the participants in the event gives you an idea on how international this tournament was. Among the wrestlers who displayed their wrestling talent were: The Zebra Kid from the USA, Frank Valois from Canada, Bill Robinson and Dave Morgan from England; Denmark's top matman, Lief Rasussen; fast-rising Shikhane Mustafa from Syria, and the big fellow from Belgium, Jean Louis Breston. Germany also had her share of fine representatives in Frank Orlik, Gedeon Gida, Hermann Iffland, Josef Molnar and from Berlin one of the finest youngsters in the ring today, Wolfgang Saturski. There were others who appeared but too many to mention here on these pages.

I arrived in Cologne to take in the last two nights of the tournament. The matches were just fabulous. Let me explain how the tournament works. First of all the length of a tournament is based on the size of the city in which it is being presented. Sometimes they will run as long as a month, or as short as three days. The wrestlers receive points for each victory they obtain. Points are also given for their wrestling ability displayed during the bouts. Losing points can occur when a wrestler is disqualified, for mouthing off to an official, and any use of an illegal hold. The wrestler with the most number of points wins the tournament and receives all the glory and fame.

Herr Kaiser has been promoting professional wrestling for over a quarter of a century and it is not only his business, but his love. I have never met a man more involved with his job. He is a true credit to the promoting profession. The matches which appear under the promotional domain of Herr Kaiser are 90% wrestling and 10% showmanship. I have been a wrestling fan for over 12 years and have attended wrestling matches in 4 countries outside the USA and it is refreshing to see the type of professional wrestling that Kaiser promotes.

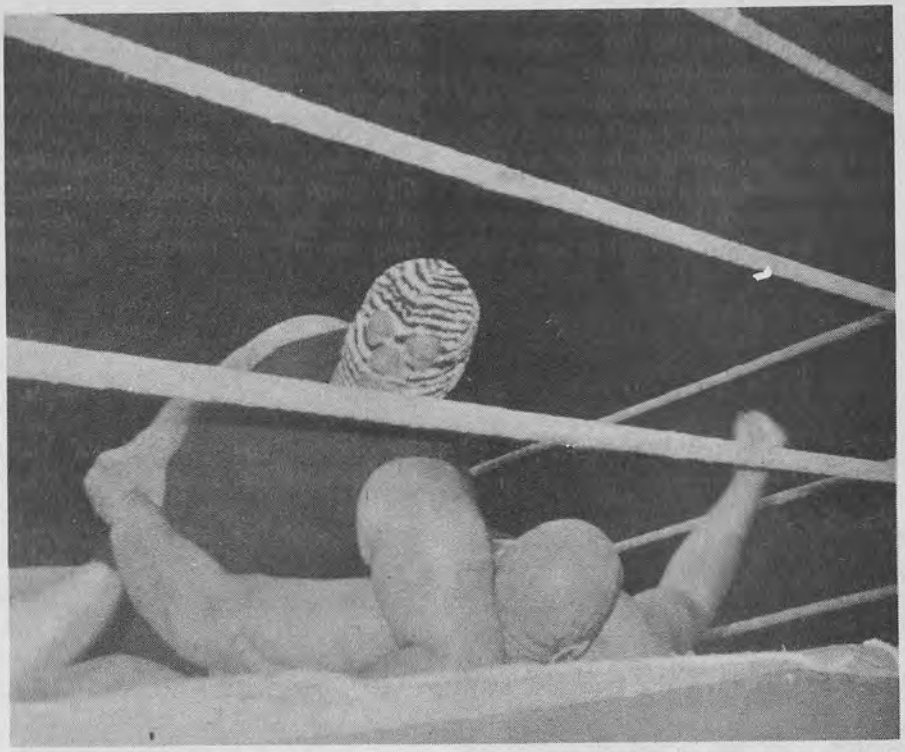
After the last match all the wrestlers assemble in the ring and each one receives a bouquet of flowers. A

Molnar came back to win, but showed true sportsmanship by raising his beaten rival's hand in tribute to his wrestling ability.

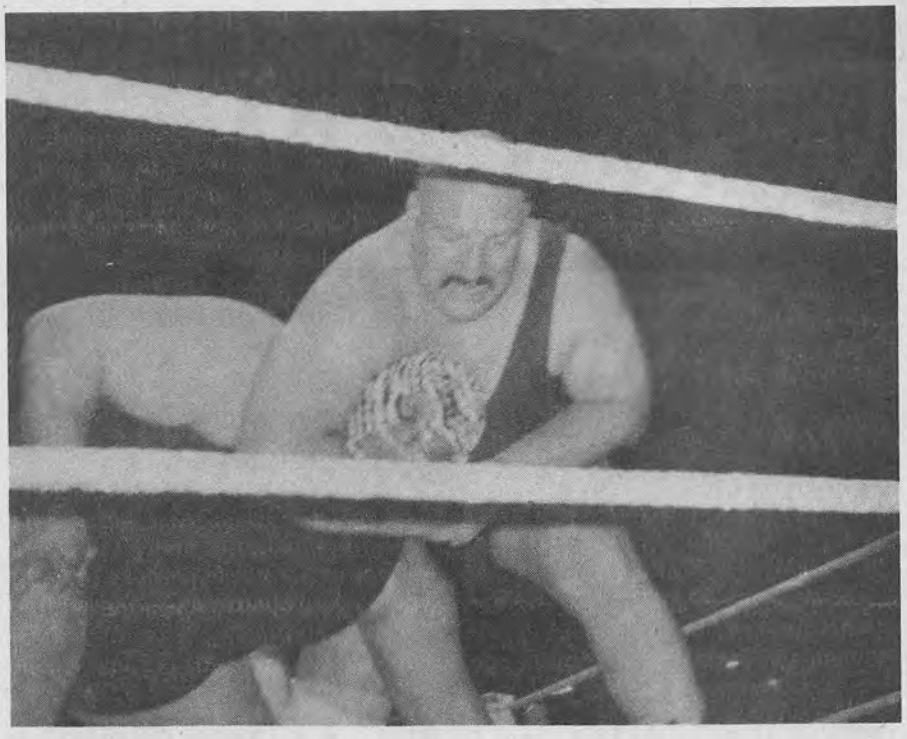


Bill Robinson, the British and European champion, catches up on the news via WRESTLING REVUE.

Bill Robinson of England was the winner of the Cologne tournament.



The match between the original Zebra Kid and Jean Louis Breston of Belgium pitted two giants against each other in a real rough and ready brawl.



small talk is given on the matmen by Herr Kaiser. The fans express their appreciation to all the wrestlers from the most popular to the most hated. Then the grand winner is proclaimed. He receives a large wreath with ribbons attached to it stating he is the champion of the tournament. All the glory and fame comes with this victory since the German people of that city claim the winner as their own.

In the Cologne tournament the competition was stiff for all. Yet one man had to be the grand champion and that man was Bill Robinson. Most American fans don't know Bill that well, but I can assure you that Robinson is THE best wrestler in Europe and possibly the world. Bill entered the tournament late, since he had just returned to Europe after taking part in a tournament in Japan, where he also became the Grand Champion. Yet Bill went right ahead and won the tournament, displaying the wrestling ability of a young Lou Thesz, Vern Gagne and Pat O'Connor. Bill has wrestled all over the world but never in the States. It is about time some promoter tried to contract Bill for a tour of the U.S. * * *

After Morales tried to choke him, Fred Blassie (above) grabbed a handful of hair, threw him to the mat and took a big bite.

FIEND AT LARGE

That is what they call FRED BLASSIE and here are two good reasons why!

by Jeff Walton

The Chrysler Imperial roared down the highway at breakneck speed. In and out of traffic the car weaved. "Crazy fool", yelled one driver. "idiot", yelled another. The Imperial never slowed down. Maybe it's a good thing, too, because if the drivers knew who the man behind the wheel was they would have spoken a little softer. Putting his arm around the gal next to him, Freddy Blassie sat in pure joy. "Ahhh, this is the life. A good broad and fast car." This was the Fred Blassie the wrestling world knew.

Blassie stopped just outside of the Long Beach arena and dropped his date off. "See you later doll. Watch what I do to the pepper-belly in with me tonight."

I met Fred at the door. "Hi ya Jeff, he shouted. "Long time no see." We went into the dressing room and Fred began to tell me all about his Japan tour. "Those people are really something! They treated me like a king – which I am! In Tokyo and Osaka I drew the largest crowds ever. They called me "Fiend" and "Vampire". It was just beautiful."

Promoter Hardy Kruskamp, former great villain, entered the room. "Come on Blassie, shake a leg. You go against Morales tonight."

A strange look came over Blassie. His teeth looked funny and he began to lick his lips. "Morales huh, good"! "Jeff, I got to get ready. Wait for me after this match. Be sure to get good pictures of me. I want all my millions of fans to swoon over the body of beautiful Freddy Blassie"! Morales was in no mood for fun as he entered the ring. It seems Blassie injured his good friend Luis Hernandez in a match a week before and Morales wanted blood.

Loud boos rang out as Fred entered the ring. He gave me a polite wink and did a few warmup exercises. True to the Blassie form, Fred darted across the squared circle and punched at Morales. Knocking Pedro to the mat, Blassie opened his mouth wide. "Blood is the life," he yelled. Pedro realized what was happening and held his hand in front of his forehead in an effort to stop Blassie. There was no need, as the ref did that for him. Both wrestlers got to their feet. Morales sent a stiff left hand to Blassie's middle that sent Fred screaming in pain.

Blassie backed in a corner, begging for mercy. Morales cursed in Spanish. Fred shot a right hand to Morales' groin and the Latin fell in a heap. Fred punched him onto the apron and began to stomp at his head. "Give up queek", he yelled. Morales tried to get up, but the force of Blassie's blows sent him to the hard cement floor below.

The fans were screaming for Blassie now. Fred jumped out of the ring and grabbed a row of chairs. Picking them up he sent the seats crashing down on Pedro.

"You dirty fiend," yelled a

young Mexican lad. Blassie smiled and began to kick Morales again. But Pedro came to life and dished out a few dirty maneuvers to the master. Fred tried to escape to the safety of the ring, but was stopped in the corner and held there by a very hot Morales.

An elbow sent Morales to the cement floor and Blassie, trying to catch his breath, fell in a thud to the floor also. By now the referee was counting 17...18...19...20. The bell rang and both men were still hammering away at each other.

Now the fans broke through the lines of police, but Fred knocked a young fan to the floor and bit another in the forehead until he passed out.

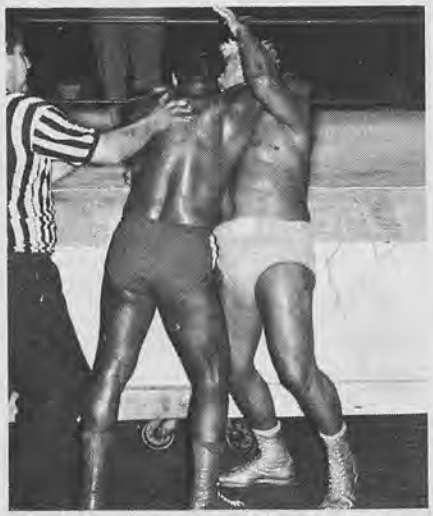
Deciding his fun was over, Fred left the area rather quickly with a wild-eyed Pedro Morales hot on his trail. Locking the door of his dressing room Fred was safe. As things quieted down I knocked at it.

"Go away", came a mad cry. "It's me Fred, Jeff!" Slowly the door opened and Blassie, almost all dressed, peered out. "Come in", he said quietly. "I got to take care of who comes in here. Everyone wants my hide. I beat this bum fair and square and what does the ref do, he calls it a draw! Can you imagine that." I asked him, "Why do they call you fiend and vampire, Fred?" "They love me, that's why. I'm great, handsome, beautiful, and the best wrestler in the world today." Now, I was sure to take my life in my hands with the next question. "Why do you always bite, Fred?

"Bite!" "Who bites?" "I never bite, all I ever do is rub my chin into an opponent's forehead or face. Can I help it if their skin is like Kleenex and they bleed?" Not wanting a personal demonstration of his talent, I left.

Blassie packed his bags and left before the matches were over. The redhead he came with was waiting for him outside. She slipped in the seat next to him and with a loud roar he took off into the cool night air.

True, Freddy Blassie is no ordinary wrestler. He is quite a showman and crowd box office draw.



Outside and inside the ring Morales went wild and battered Fred. A solid kick in the belly doubled up Blassie.

While the male fans may not care for him, Sue is happy to have her picture taken with handsome Fred.

The referee had a hard job in controling the Fiend.

If love means "hate" to Blassie, then the fans sure do love him!

Another example of his great talent for mayhem was his match a few weeks later against Bobo Brazil in Los Angeles.

Earlier that evening Blassie was at peace with the world as he smiled and talked to the cute gal sitting next to him. Fred was in a good mood and gave the young fans his prized autograph. "I feel great," he told this reporter. "This month makes a year I've been back wrestling and I love it. I just returned from Columbia Studios today where I met with my old buddy, Dean Martin. I'm known all over the Columbia lot and the guards have to go along with me to stop all them starlets from tearing me to pieces!

Blassie has been the target of many a newspaper story about his savagery in the ring. While doing push-ups he remarked, "Sure I'm mean. I go in there to win and nothing else. To hell with the fans if they don't like my tactics. They all come to see the great Freddy Blassie get beat in the ring, but that will never happen as long as I've got my superior strength."

Fred turned on his mean expression as he walked to the ring. He's like another person the minute he steps on the canvas square. Next, Bobo Brazil made his way down the aisle of the auditorium. The crowd was getting uneasy as both men received instructions. At the sound of the bell a strange thing happened. Bobo Brazil turned into a maniac and attacked Blassie! He threw Fred out of the ring and jumped out after him. It was like a roaring hurricane was sweeping through the arena and its name was "Bobo". The referee began to count, but it did no good. Brazil was wild with rage as he split Fred's head open with the fourth Koko butt. The crowd wanted more and their shouts drove Bobo on and on. Finally in desperation the referee stopped the fall and disqualified both grapplers. But this was only the beginning. Bobo continued to hammer away at Blassie. What was his reason for being so insane with madness? It seems a week before during a television interview Fred attacked Bobo and slapped him in the face and then, adding insult to injury, he spit in Bobo's face.

Brazil was mad indeed. He wanted Blassie right then and there. But the promoter felt it would be better to get them in the ring. So it was that Bobo, without waiting,

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WHAT REALLY KEEPS

TEXAS GALS TAKE UP WRESTLING TOO

Anita flexes her muscles before the battle.

Jimmie Lea displays her form as she awaits the start of the match.

Anita proved too strong for her smaller rival and after a rough struggle pinned her shoulders to the mat.

Editor's Note: For some time, girl wrestling has been growing in popularity in small, secret clubs. It has now reached the point where it is becoming an all-out war among the housewives, but secrecy still cloaks their activities. Now WRESTLING REVUE, through professional photographer Theo Evvans, tells the whole story of these "Emma Peels of Wrestling."

Don't try to tell me about wrestling!

I have photographed some of the biggest names in the business for both pleasure and profit, and I can assure you that the really good matches are not staged by some wrestling promoter in a huge arena, but are put on by normal, everyday housewives, office clerks, typists or what have you!

These girls, who want to keep trim and pretty and do it by wrestling one another, are in my opinion what really keeps America beautiful.

Don't laugh.

I did, and look what happened!

I was on my second cup of coffee and seventh cigarette when I saw her come through the door; not that I thought she was the woman I had agreed to meet when a friend had asked me to photograph his wife's wrestling club. This doll, who was to take me to the club was an athletic chick, slim-looking for the 150 pounds she had so well put together under the pretty yellow dress she wore. I was more than startled when she paused at my table, smiled and stuck out her hand.

"Mr. Evvans, I believe."

Now I know how the guy in Africa felt!

I almost upset my chair getting to my feet and found the outstretched hand that had more than a touch of steel in it.

"Y-y-yes," I stammered. "Won't you be seated, please."

The platinum head nodded as she slid smoothly into the chair opposite me and I heard her laugh. "You know, I thought I would be the nervous one!"

I was having trouble lighting my cigarette. "I was expecting an amazon, and I get you!"

She laughed again. It was a feminine laugh, nice and soothing like the touch of a mother's hand.

"I'm Anita Louise ———,"
she purred. "I am typical of what you will see, I'm afraid."

"Oh, you're nice," I said, and felt like a fool!

"Let's start all over, Anita. Suppose you tell me about your wrestling club."

"Well, I guess ours is no different than others. It's made up of girls who want to stay healthy. We wrestle just to keep in shape.

Gads, this girl must do a lot of wrestling!

"But why," I asked, "do you keep it so secret?"

"Easy. As amateur wrestlers we are in a different world." She could see my puzzled expression. "You see, in the arenas...the real ones...you are surrounded by fans who come to see wrestling. In my neighborhood we have people who have never *heard* of a wrestling match, much less seen one. They would think I was some kind of weirdo."

"And yet you're willing to let me plaster your picture all over the country in a national magazine. What will your friends think of that?"

She had ice in her voice when she answered:

"I guess I can be a pioneer. For two reasons: first, the wrestling fans might enjoy knowing what is going on at home. Second, it might encourage the younger generation to stay in

AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

by Theo E. Evvan

better physical shape.

My voice held a tone of irony, "The younger generation!"

She smiled, "How old would you say I was?"

I had already looked her over but now I looked her over better. I gave her an honest answer.

"Twenty-eight!"

"Thanks," Then she really shook me, "I am thirty-six years old and feel eighteen. Tonight you will see me wrestle a girl who is two pounds lighter than I am and fourteen years younger and I bet you right now I will whip the pants, er, socks off her!"

There had been fire in her voice and suddenly I was looking forward to being able to photograph the matches.

"What will your friends say when they see the wrestling pictures?"

"I doubt any will," she smiled. "The magazines are purchased mostly by wrestling fans...which is really a shame as there is a lot one can learn from those publications." Again the fire in her voice. "And if any do, well, I doubt there will be any remarks made after thy see what I do to *her*!

I couldn't help but wonder if she was as good as she thought she was. I found out that night. She was not as good as she said. She was better!

I was there early, and I got pictures of all the matches. Some of the girls were good and some were not. After all, the girl's weren't professional wrestlers though some could have been.

The girl Anita Louise was to wrestle was one of the better wrestlers among the 28 who showed up. She was a contender for the club championship, with Anita being the only foe standing in her way!

The dark-tressed girl, whose name is Jimmie Lea, was a beauty and it was apparent that she had not only the confidence of youth, but was as strong as she could be with her broad shoulders, strong hands, powerful wrists and trim muscular legs.

Maybe I've got a weakness for blondes, but when Anita flexed her own powerful arms and stretched her own feminine shoulders, trim waist and as powerful and as sexy a pair of legs as I ever saw on a wrestler; well, those fourteen years difference between the gals faded from my mind.

The girls shook hands and the match began!

Their fingers locked together and the test of strength began. Muscles swelled from exertion and sweat soon glistened on both healthy bodies. It was obvious that the beautiful blonde Anita was administering the punishment, as the pretty long haired Jimmie Lea, in danger of having her hands mangled, slowly yielded to the hold and sank to her knees.

I guess I was partial to the blonde, having interviewed her earlier. She was nothing short of a lot of woman as she stood with her hands on her hips as Jimmie Lea begged for a breather.

Then I saw how amateur wrestling differed from professional wrestling. As Jimmie Lea later explained, Anita could have ended the match with her finger-buster hold, but the danger of permanent injury was too great, so she had released the hold.

To me the mighty Jimmie Lea didn't look a bit safe as the strong-legged Louise secured a hair pull and yanked the squalling Jimmie to her feet.

I was to find out now that amateur wrestlers are prone to turn a fight into a boxing match at any time, and it happens amost in every match.

Anita sank a left fist into the muscular midsection of Jimmie Lea that exploded the air from her lungs, and almost faster than I can snap a shutter she dug in her right to the flat belly and plowed a vicious left to the jaw that dazed her already addled foe.

A short right uppercut was too much and the outclassed Jimmie had but one way to go. Down!

I have pictures of Jimmie Lea being a regular hellcat with a much larger opponent but she was sure no match for Anita, a blonde amazon who was too much for her younger foe.

Anita was back to wrestling now and her powerful legs and body held the gasping Jimmie Lea's stomach down to the mat and she used a hair pull to get Jimmie Lea's head back. Then Anita locked her strong hands under the helpless girl's chin and arched her head back with the cruel hold. Jimmie Lea flailed the air with her hands and legs and moaned from the pain!

I was sure the referee would end it there but again the code of amateur wrestling held and Anita, realizing that Jimmie Lea had had enough, released the hold.

I watched almost amazed as the thirty-six-year-old woman stood over the sobbing girl. I could see Anita's slim waist, her strong arms and trim, powerful, well-muscled legs and suddenly it came to me that she was really the youngster in this match. The stronger, the better physical conditioned of the two. The Champion!

With her hands still on her hips she proved it!

A ripple of mighty leg muscles and she slammed a knee-lift to the chin of Jimmy Lea that smashed her to the mat. She yanked the stunned girl to her knees. Give Jimmie credit – she got a fist doubled and cocked even after Anita had given her such punishment. Still, it was Anita's fist, a hard mean right, that set Jimmie Lea up for the kill. A short right took all the fight out of her; another short right dropped her on her back to the mat and the blonde straddled her and pinned her shoulders soundly to the mat.

And as she held her there the referee tolled: "one, two, three!"

The battle for club champion had been settled and the blonde Anita sat hands on hips over her beaten foe.

And then she looked right at me as if to say, I told you I could whip her!

The blonde Anita was to show me yet more of her wrestling skills as she met a champion from another club and gave me one of the true thrills in wrestling; either pro or amateur as she is the only woman I have ever seen use Fritz Von Erich's "Iron Claw" or her version of the "Iron Maiden."

Too, I was to see Jimmie Lea come from a sound beating from Anita and take on an amateur bully and show the giant woman that Jimmie Lea does know how to wrestle!

That really is what keeps America Beautiful...

A FIGHTING SPIRIT!

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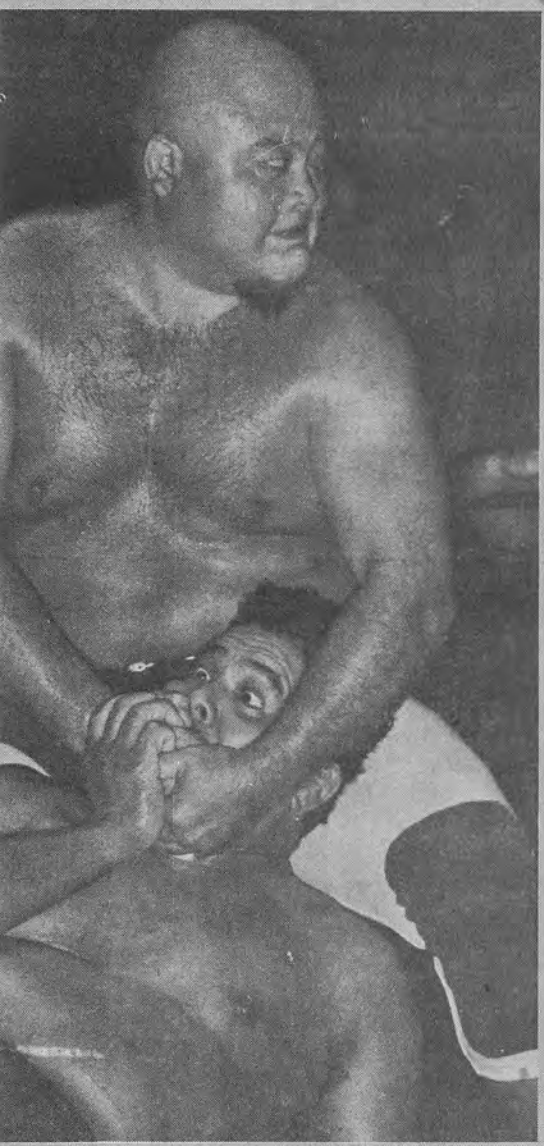
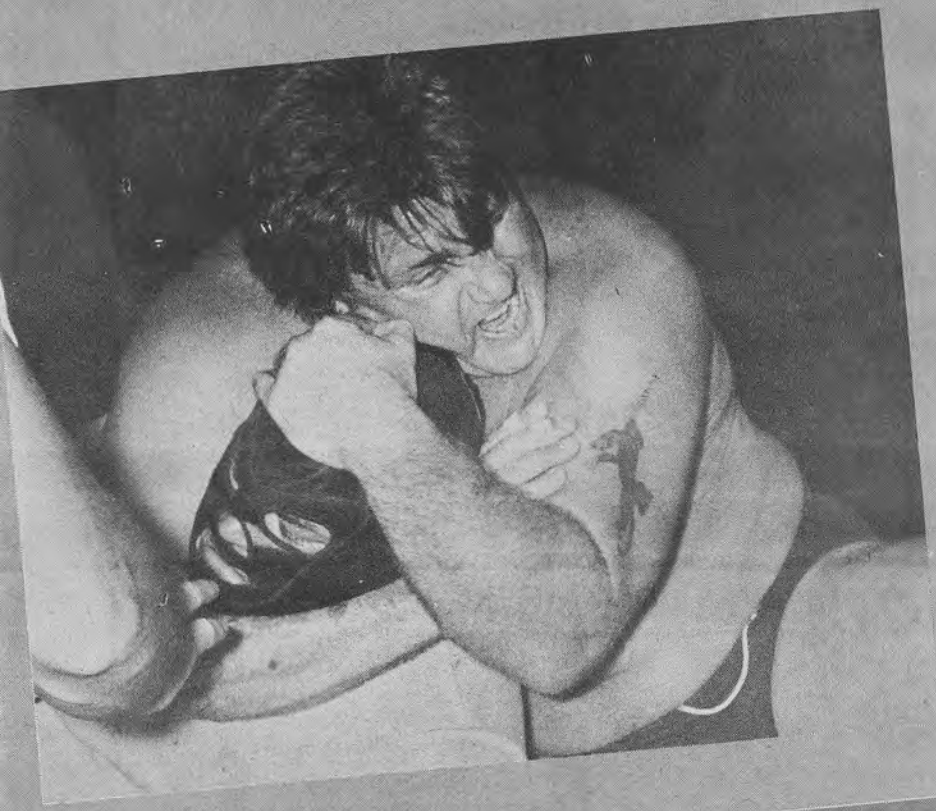


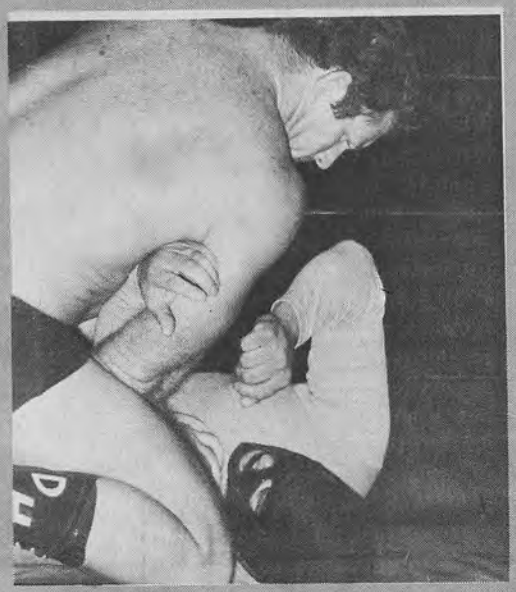
It was all-out war when Tojo Yamamoto and Tamayo Soto, ex-partners, were in the ring. Rules went out the window as they battled each other tooth and nail.

Yamamoto got a look at the other side of the coin, as Len Rossi tried to choke him.

ACTION

"Gentleman Saul" used his cane to subdue Rossi and win the first fall for his team.





The tag match pairing the Mighty Yankees against Ken Lucas and Dennis Hall was also a wild affair with little. . . .

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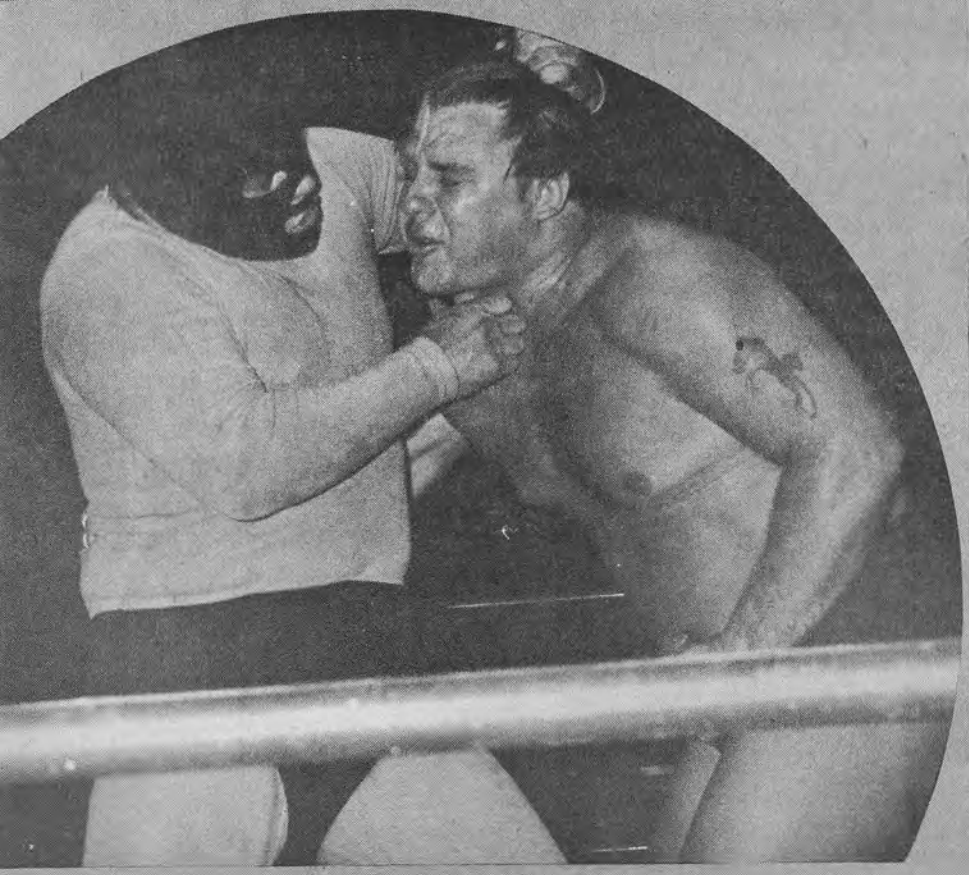

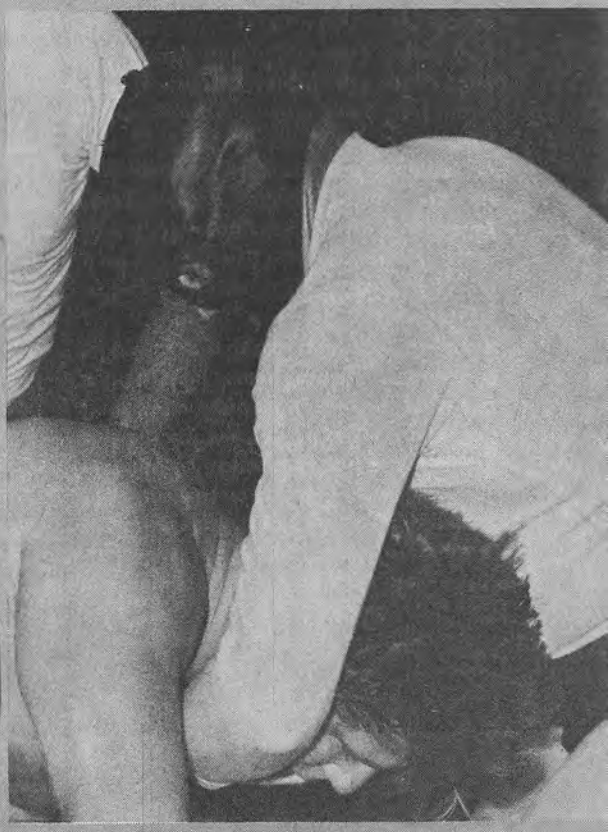

attention paid to the rules by any of the grapplers. Choking seemed to be the best offensive tactic in use.

Snyder is one of the most popular wrestlers from coast to coast and border to border. His scientific style and exciting manner of wrestling are two big reasons why.

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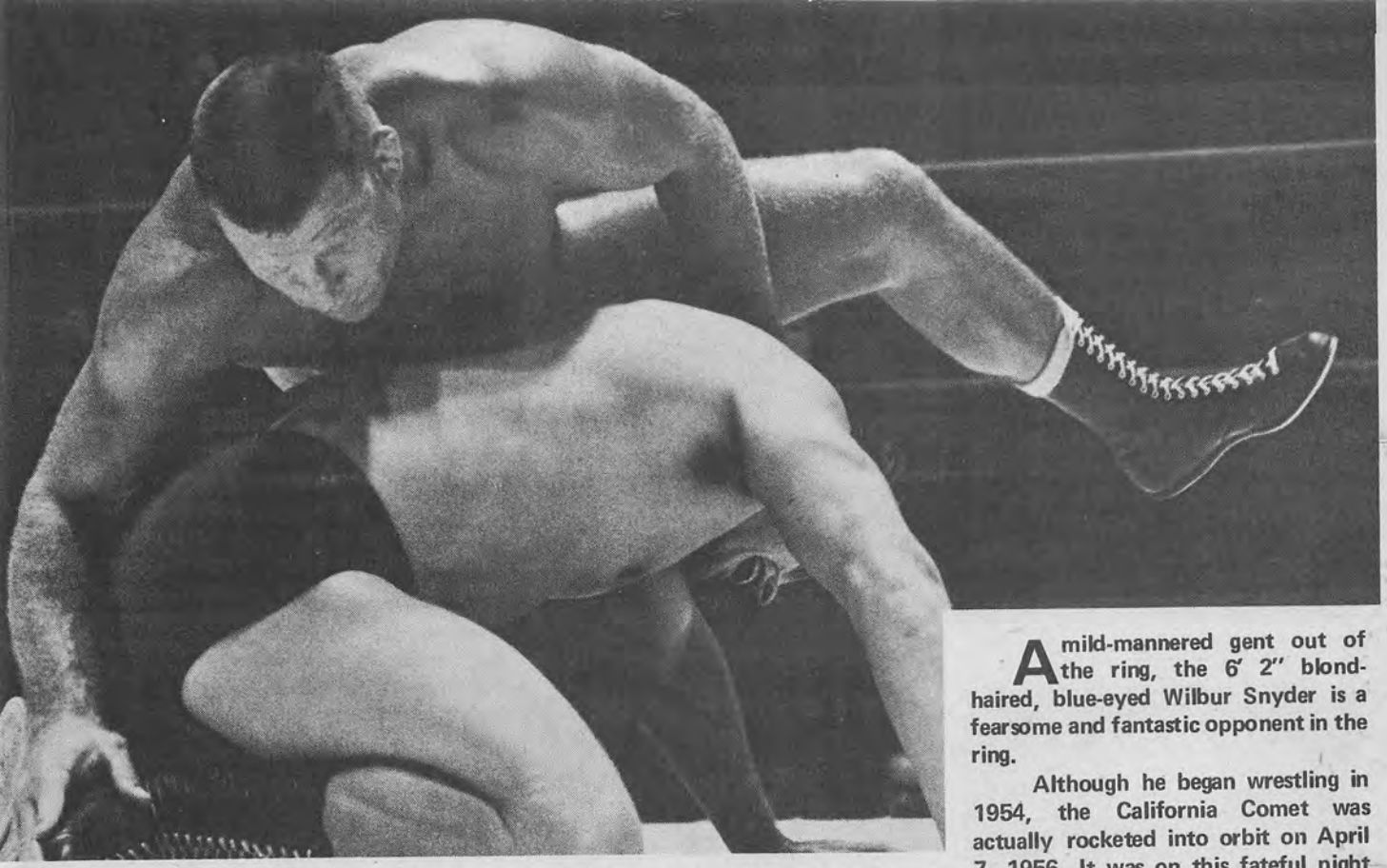
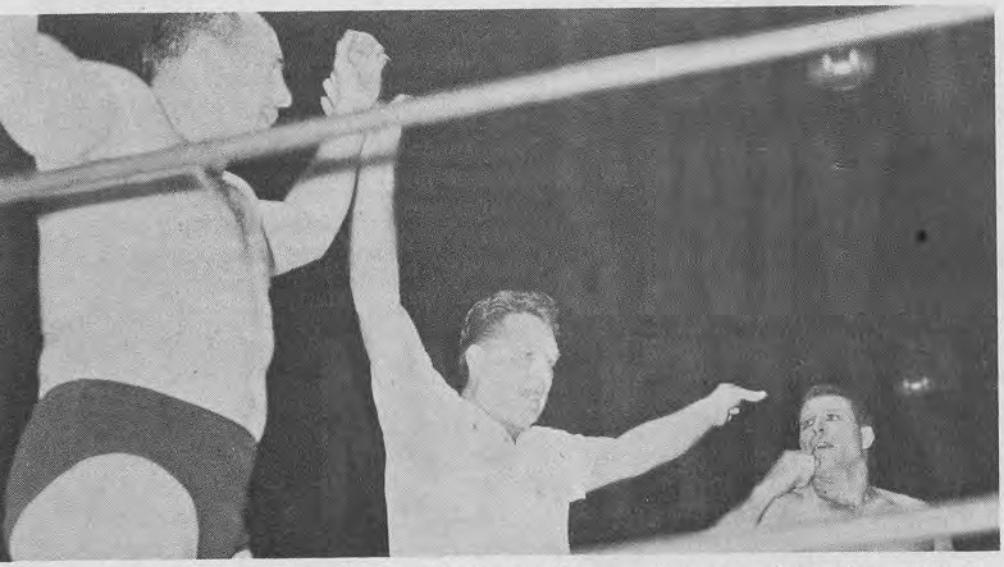
WILBUR SNYDER - "THE CALIFORNIA



Wilbur has mastered just about every hold known to wrestling. He is a real student of the game and one of the most knowledgeable of all wrestlers.



When Wilbur teamed up with Verne Gagne a few years back they were an unbeatable team and a joy for the fans to watch in action.

TODAY'S MAT STARS

COMET"

by Paulette Januski

A mild-mannered gent out of the ring, the 6' 2" blond-haired, blue-eyed Wilbur Snyder is a fearsome and fantastic opponent in the ring.

Although he began wrestling in 1954, the California Comet was actually rocketed into orbit on April 7, 1956. It was on this fateful night that Snyder was asked to take Bill Melby's place (he had to cancel out due to a shoulder injury) against TV champ Vern Gagne. To the amazement of the spectators and the announcer, Jack Brickhouse, Snyder bested Gagne!

In October of 1957, Snyder and Gagne met again. This time Gagne's title was at stake. The match was a rugged one. Snyder took the first fall with a move called a "Small Package". Second fall went to Gagne, who used his dreaded Sleeper Hold, but the third and deciding fall went to Snyder. He used his fearful hold, the Cobra Twist. Thus the California Comet walked away with the title, and he successfully defended it for two years.

Snyder isn't all brawn, not by a long shot. After his graduation from Van Nuys High, Calif., he attended the University of Utah on a scholarship.

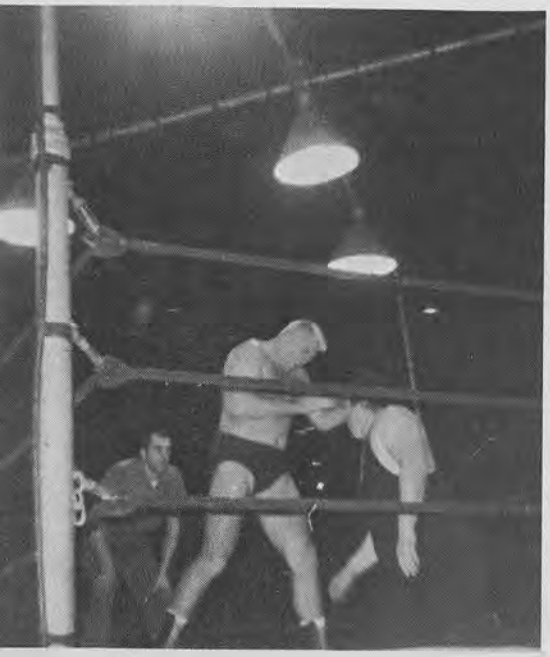
While at the University, Snyder played end and tackle on the football team for three years. He also participated in wrestling, and took the Intermountain Collegiate Heavyweight title.

At the close of his junior year, Wilbur left the University. He had married his high school love, Shirlee, and had decided that it was time he made more money.

In 1951, he signed to play pro

Snyder is always ready with a smile and a pen when asked for his autograph.

The good looks of Snyder don't hurt his image with the gals one bit. Below, the Big K gets a smack in the puss from Wilbur.



football for the Los Angeles Rams. He spent two years with them. In the winter of '53 he signed on with the Canadian Football League. Wilbur played two years with the Edmonton Eskimos as first string tackle. Thus Snyder's football career was destined to last only four years.

Wilbur has not only held the U. S. title but he has held the U. S. Tag Team title twice. In 1962, he and Nick Bockwinkle won the title from Arakawa and Shibuya. October of 1967 found Snyder and Pat O'Connor with the title.

Speedy moves and fast thinking are Snyder's tickets to success. His opponent never knows what to expect, except a tough match.

Snyder is never too busy to stop and have a fan take his picture. It is no wonder he is a favorite of the fans.

A favorite move of Wilbur's is the Cobra Twist, the submission hold. As Gagne is master of the Sleeper Hold, so Snyder is master of the Twist. He learned the hold while at the University, but he perfected it so that it can be used in any position on the mat.

Many have tried to duplicate this move, but none can compare to Snyder.

It works like this. You simply grab, from the rear, the upper portion of your opponent's body, squeeze and pull up. This makes the muscles of the stomach tighten and twist. For some time afterwards the stomach remains numb.

Snyder has never seriously or intentionally injured an opponent badly. This is unusual for a wrestler. Wrestling is a science as well as a test of strength and endurance. Wilbur prefers to wrestle scientifically.

Of course, at times it's next to impossible to keep a perfectly clean style. Snyder believes "fight fire with fire" and "nice guys finish last." However, even when he "fights fire with fire", he keeps within the rules.

Snyder doesn't get upset at many things. A wrestler who won't comply with the rules upsets him, and, whether in the ring or out, Johnny Powers.

Powers has claimed that Snyder has put himself on a pedestal as the All American hero type and that he (Powers) will knock him off. Well, the two have met three times so far, Snyder leads with the wins. As the record stands now, it doesn't look like Powers will be the man to knock Wilbur off his "pedestal".

Snyder, a modest man himself, doesn't like people who keep talking when they really don't have anything to say.

Wilbur, a true athlete, smokes about one pack of cigarettes a day. Handball is now his hobby; it helps to develop quick reflexes and keeps one alert.

So stands the California Comet; winner of the Intermountain heavy weight title, U. S. heavyweight title, twice holder of the U. S. tag team title, plus a grand football and academic record. With all this Snyder is still going strong. Let's hope Wilbur stays on his so-called "pedestal," for he honestly represents a true All-American.

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INSIDE EUROPEAN WRESTLING

By GUSS VAN DER GUCHT

Caesar Viltard tries for a head-lock on Valdimar Strogoff.

Bert Michel of Belgium has France's Ted Lamar in a bad way.

Every wrestling fan kept hoping to see this strange prince once more in our Antwerp ring. And yes sir, only two weeks later a brilliant six-man tag team bout was held in the Antwerp Sports Palace. Inca Peruano, Anton Tejero, and Akim Manuka vs the Belgo-French team, William Bordes (teammate of Rene Ben Chemoul), Gilbert Ceska and our own lightweight master, Guss Stanley. Over 5,000 fans turned up to see the match. The most dashing moments were those when Akim Manuka and Bordes were together in the ring. This wild brawl turned out to be a no decision. The Albanian played the leading role.

In Paris, also, new discoveries are to be made nearly every meeting. Last season Paul Marton, Paris manager, presented us a new French idol, namely Caesar Viltard, from La Guadeloupe, a small French possession in the Antilles. The proof that this man truly is a wrestling giant is the fact that some Americans in Paris started calling Caesar the "European Daddy Siki".

Why did this man, who first wanted to become an accountant, suddenly go into the mat bizz? As he told your scribe, there were two reasons. First, Caesar found that he didn't like to sit in an office every day. So he had to look out to find something else, but what? Then one day when he was training at the local gym, a friend of his suggested pro wrestling to him. (Reason No. 2.) Caesar thought it was a fine idea and time did the rest. Very soon nobody on the island of Guadeloupe could beat Caesar. Then he was asked over to France where he had to wrestle in his first bout, the famous "Homme Masque" (Masked Man). After a fierce battle, the masked villain was pinned by the new hero. This victory of Viltard astonished every Paris mat fan. People kept asking to see this black hero again.

A week later Caesar wrestled in Villefrance near Lyon. This time his opponent was Ted Lamar, a new contender for the French heavyweight title. Ted was butchered in such a bad way that he had to be carried off to a nearby hospital. This new victory brought wonderful Caesar up to the first place in the rankings for the French heavyweight title, held down by Jean Ferre. It seldom happens that in such a short time a newcomer can gain the confidence of both the promoter and the public.

Personally, I saw Viltard only once here in Antwerp, in his clash with Vladimir Strogoff, the Russian lion. It is hard to judge a wrestler by just one bout, but in my opinion is this new master one of the best wrestlers we have seen in Antwerp for years. He wrestled to a draw with this Russian giant. This certainly was an event, considering the fact that at the present time, Strogoff is on his way to win the Vienna tournament. Up to now, after one month's hard wrestling, he hasn't lost a single match. It sure is a pity that Caesar couldn't participate in this first-class tournament, for it is sure that he would have created a furore.

The big news of last month has to

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Young Bobby Genele, a street fighter making good in the ring.

Jean Corne, one of the top matmen in Europe.

FANS' CANDID CORNER

In recent months we have been receiving more and more pictures from you fans out there for our contest. Not only has the volume of entries increased but the quality of the pictures has improved greatly, too. In response, we have decided to do something about it. And this is it . . .Starting with this issue, the Fans' Candid Corner will become a monthly feature. We will pick out one picture each month as the PICK OF THE PICTURES and this photo will receive a BONUS of $5.00 instead of the usual $2.00 for being selected. In addition, each monthly photo will be eligible for selection as PHOTO OF THE YEAR, which will be worth $25.00. So come on, get out your camera, and start clicking away.

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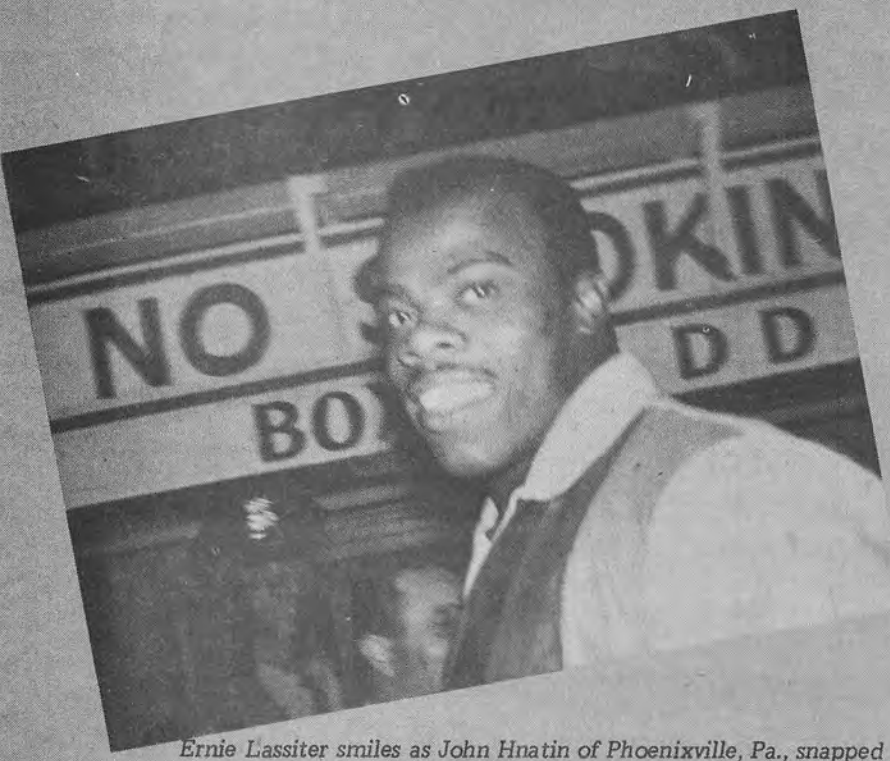
Larry McNabb of Grapevine, Texas, snapped fans David Garza & Garry Woods with Ciclon Negro.

Rip Miller and Ray Stevens were caught in the lens of Judy Leach of Garden Valley, Calif.



Ernie Lassiter smiles as John Hnatin of Phoenixville, Pa., snapped the shutter.

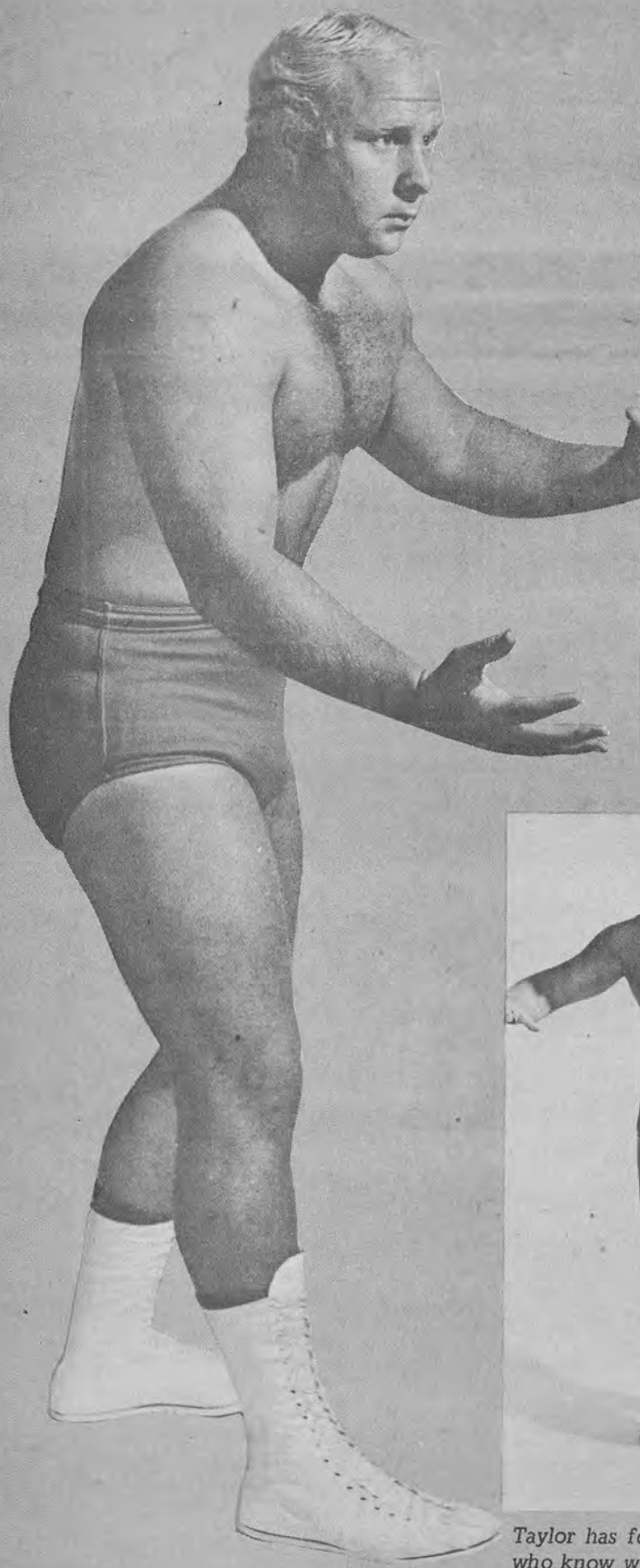
Lois Earley of Salem, Va., caught Nelson Royal and Tex McKenzie being congratulated by a fan.

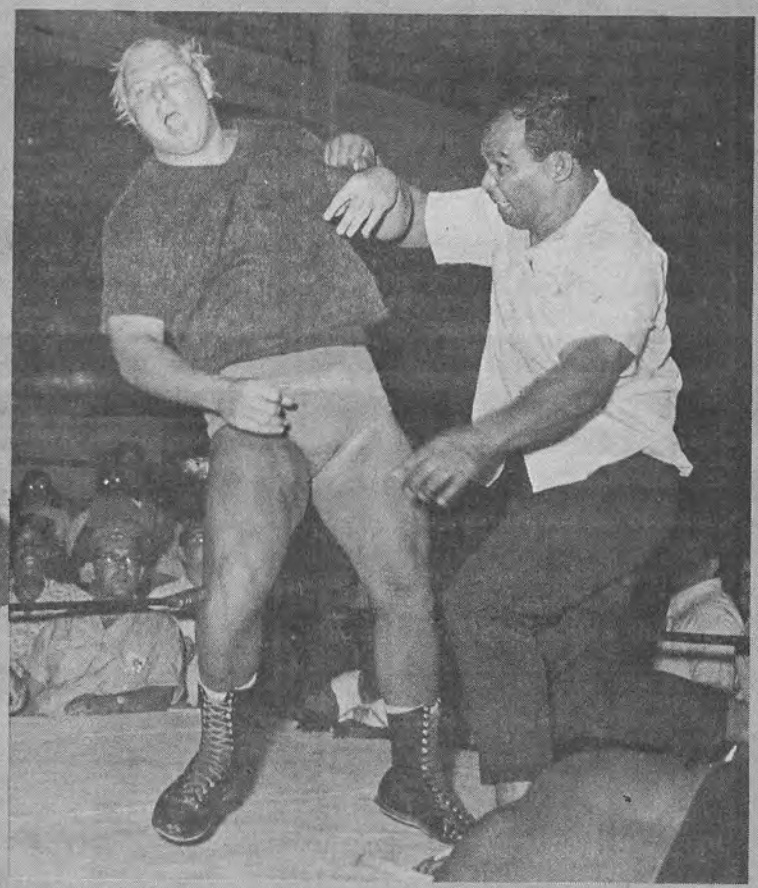
Hans Mortier gets some advice from manager Red Berry. Photo was taken by Paul Lewicki of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Tag-partners Wahoo McDaniel & Jose Lothario were captured on film by Gerry Rodriguez of Delray Beach, Fla.

This photo of Bill Miller trying to strangle the Battman, won the honors as "Photo of the Month" for Paul Jones of Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE "ACTION" ? MAN --





Sam Steamboat and Taylor engage in some outside activities, to the fans' delight.

Taylor has found favor with the fans who know with him in the ring-there's action.

By G. Ross Parsons

I spent two years with the San Francisco Giants professional baseball system and another 18 months with the New York Giants pro football organization," sneered Bob Taylor over a glass of milk. "Then I decided I wanted more action. So I decided to become the world's champion wrestler."

And with that simple comment, the 26-year-old Taylor promptly reached over, ground out the author's cigarette and flipped ashtray and ashes onto the floor of the restaurant.

"I don't poison my own system with alcohol or nicotine, and I refuse to permit anyone else near me to do so either.

"I refuse to permit any unauthorized articles about me to appear in print without my personal approval.

BOB TAYLOR

Hot-tempered Southerner is on the way up

Taylor was an all-around athlete who could have made it as a pro either in baseball or football, but chose wrestling as the sport in which to reach the top.

"I started pro wrestling by challenging Don Curtis in a "Beat the Champ" television in Amarillo back in 1965. If he hadn't caught me with that illegal sleeper hold, I'd have taken his belt and started out as the Texas champ."

(Don Curtis merely smiled when told of the youngster's comments..."I have a few other holds available if he'd care to try me again," Curtis solemnly intoned.)

And with these few sample comments from Bob Taylor, plus watching him in and out of the ring for several weeks, as well as asking for comments from other wrestlers, it seems obvious another star is on the way up.

Whether or not he ever makes it to the main event level long enough to stay alive remains to be seen.

So far, Taylor has been suspended two weeks for pushing ring announcer Chet Tharpe in Tampa, Florida...been suspended a month for interfering in a Johnny Valentine vs. Sam Steamboat match...been forced to meet Steamboat after his suspension and ended up bloody after a 45-minute match...been barred from wrestling in three states due to his illegal actions, mainly the use of chairs and foreign objects in the ring...been warned by other grapplers to mind his manners in the dressing rooms after demanding peace and quiet before his bout...been left unconscious on the mat by such normally peaceful matmen as Silento Rodriguez, Klondike Bill and Paul DiMarco.

He claims as his heroes the ilk of men like Butcher Vachon, Johnny Valentine, and Dick the Bruiser.

But if his own temper doesn't earn him permanent disqualification in every state in the union, or a fan doesn't slip a knife between his ribs for his ring actions, or another wrestler doesn't finally go berserk and demolish him inside or outside the squared circle, then Bob Taylor might someday be the world's heavyweight wrestling champ.

It seems to be a long gamble for Bob Taylor.

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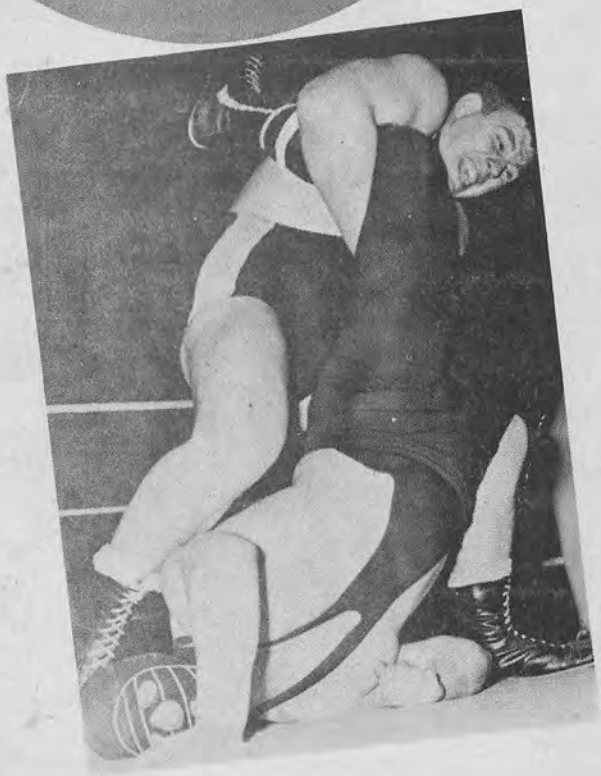
spotlight on... YORKSHIRE HEAVYWEIGHT JOHN COX



Cox is one of the most exciting grapplers in Britian. His match with Kendo Nagaskie was a real bloody brawl.

If John Cox doesn't gain the British heavyweight crown, it won't be for want of trying. The handsome Yorkshireman, a wrestler of powerful proportions and strength to match his burning ambition, has landed in the hospital more than once, but he's never gotten discouraged. And today he stands as one of the leading contenders for the championship.

In his fourth bout after turning pro, John, then campaigning as a junior heavyweight, found himself matched with the huge Goliath, bearded Bruno Elrington. The disadvantage in size proved too much for the youngster; he wound up wearing a plaster cast collar for six weeks. But he refused to seek an easier profession.

After one of John's matches with Kendo Nagaski, the judo expert, he ended up in a hospital with a concussion. He was bloodied in matches with the Zebra Kid (three stitches in his forehead), Ian Campbell, the 20-stone Scottish giant, and Wild Angus. He shrugs off the injuries.

"They are part of the game," he said. "As you get closer to the top, the going gets all the harder."

John was born on May 31, 1939, and was educated at Salesian College, Oxford. As a teenager, he was keen on most sports, especially on judo. He represented York five times in judo tournaments. In addition, playing rugby league and weight training helped him develop his great physique.

At the suggestion of Master of

John has wrestled all over Europe. In 1964 he traveled to Greece where he defeated the local light heavyweight champion, Papazazako.

Cox is a versatile wrestler who has mastered many holds. Here Ian Campbell is caught in an arm-bar.

Cox is a happy-go-lucky sort outside the ring, but a terror inside.

Ceremonies Bob Verlander, Cox went to Ernie Baldwin's gym, where many other wrestlers have learned their skills, and he set about to become a professional wrestler. He had no easy task in his very first match, for his opponent was none other than Jim Armstrong of Leeds.

He has come a long way since that first match, and has met many big names all over the world. Promoters are always after John, who is also a great favourite with TV fans.

He has met champions and ex-champions like Bill Robinson, Billy Joyce, and Albert Wall, as well as such famed grapplers as Tibor Szakacs, the masked American Outlaw, Ian Campbell, Syed Saif Shah, and Josef Zarranoff.

John loves to watch other wrestlers in action, particularly the heavyweights. From this practice he has built up a store of knowledge about the pet holds and throws of possible future opponents, and he is constantly adding to this lore.

Men he much admires are Johnnie Eagles and "Hell in Boots", Sid Cooper. He also has great respect for Wall, the former British champion. They have met on several occasions. "That has been an education in itself," he says.

Back from touring in Greece and Lebanon, and more recently, the United States, Cox is once again in great demand with the promoters, who are deluged with requests from the fans who want to see more of this handsome Yorkshireman. John, in turn, always feels a sense of obligation to turn in his very best performance each and every time out.

It's no wonder he's known as the Pride of Yorkshire. And the people can rightly be proud.

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NAMES NOTES, AND NEWS FROM

THE BRITISH WRESTLING SCENE

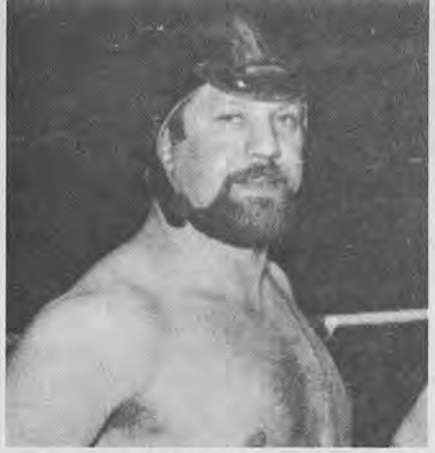
By BRIAN DIXON

Direct from his tour of Japan, Hawaii and America, JOHN COX arrived back in England with plenty to tell of his wrestling experiences, especially in America, where he appeared at the famous Madison Square Garden. This was one of the proudest moments of his career, and he would like nothing better than another tour of the States in the near future. Cox, one of Britain's best junior heavyweights, is highly rated by his fellow wrestlers as a determined opponent who always gives plenty of action. Definitely a name to watch out for in future months, John received a very warm welcome back, but not from his first opponent, the giant GARGANTUA who stands nearly 7 feet tall and is reckoned to be one of the roughest wrestlers ever to appear here. However, John had learned some excellent counter moves while he was away, and proved to be tough opposition for the bigger man. With less weight than before, Cox moved round him like a tornado.

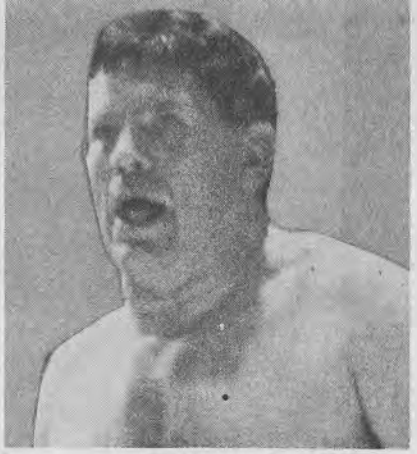
Biggest news to hit the wrestling scene is that the legendary BARTELLI, world famous heavyweight star, who holds the Commonwealth title, has terminated his contract with Joint Promotions and has formed his own promotions with Lancashire businessman Jack Oatley under the name of Bartley Promotions. Between them they are giving wrestling a new lease on life, and fans are assured of a good winter season ahead, with some of the top Continental stars coming over the Channel to wrestle exclusively under the new banner.

PETER FANENE MAIVIA, a household name in just about every country, was lately wrestling in France, but is now understood to be proving a tremendous success in Hawaii. His many fans in this country are eagerly awaiting his return, and members of his fan club are kept advised of his journeys by his Fan Club secretary, Dorothy Pagnett of Chippenham, Wilts.

ABE GINSBERG, one half of the famous Black Diamonds tag team, is a wrestler of many moods. He can wrestle very well, and has a record of victories over some of the country's top men, but on most occasions his rough tactics are not appreciated by referees and Ginsberg is disqualified. Soon he will be packing his bags and journeying to Japan where so many of our wrestlers are proving a great success, and Ginsberg will be no exception. Going on tour with him will be ROY ST. CLAIR, the popular elder half of the Saints tag team, who originated in Cornwall, but now lives in Manchester. Roy is one of the sons of the famous heavyweight star, FRANCIS ST. CLAIR GREGORY, and is fast becoming one of the most popular heavyweights in England. With younger brother Tony as the other Saint, they form a most



Captain of the BLACK DIAMONDS tag team ABE GINSBERG



I recently visited COUNT BARTELLI — real name Geoff Condliffe

successful tag team.

TIBOR SZAKACS, born in Hungary, has now become a British citizen, and is therefore eligible to compete for the British heavyweight title held by BILL ROBINSON, who is incidentally another wrestler who is out of the country more often than not. Tibor is a very skilful wrestler, popular with the fans, and has himself only recently returned from a tour of the Lebanon. A battle between him and Robinson with the title at stake would be really worth seeing.

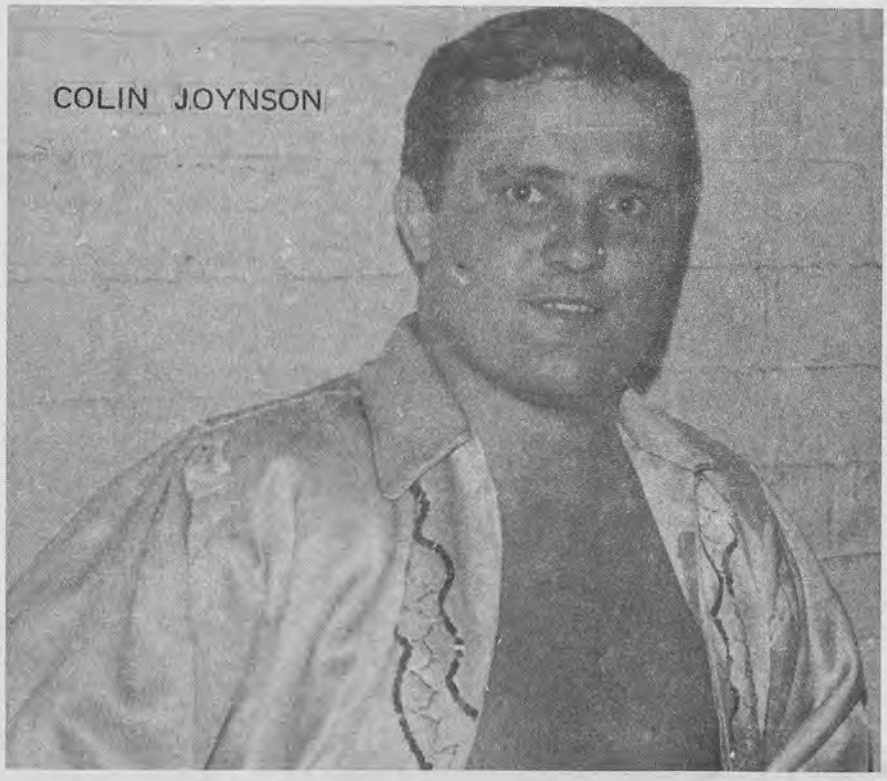
"Destroyer" HANS STREIGER is back in action in this country after a short tour of the Canary Islands. It was at first thought that he would be away for several months, but he received so many excellent offers from British promoters that he decided to return. He and tag partner JIM HUSSEY are in top form, and still undefeated.

To my mind the toughest wrestler in Britain today is the European mid-heavyweight champion from Bristol, BILL HOWES. His tough all action bouts, are a topic of conversation for weeks afterwards with the fans, and he has the reputation of being Britain's fittest wrestler. However nowadays, champion Howes wrestles rarely, as his self-built supermarket in Bolton takes up almost all his time. He restricts his bouts to within a 50 mile radius of the shop.

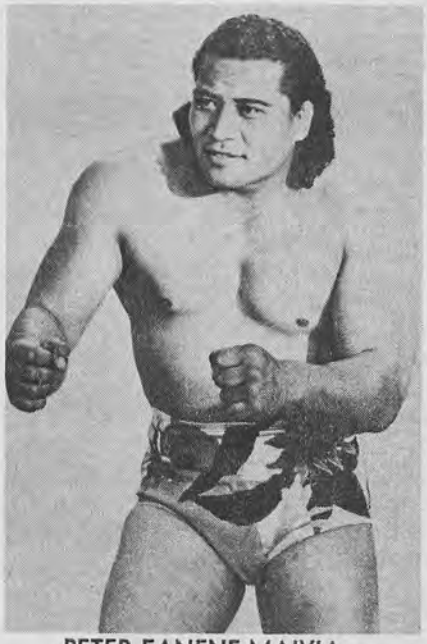
SYED SAIF SHAH, the popular Pakistani heavyweight champion, is another grappler who enjoys his wrestling, and he can be found talking to the fans at each hall he appears. The gentle spoken Shah is a champion of champions, and a really skilful grappler.

COLIN JOYNSON, the Manchester Flyer, is another much-improved wrestler since his tour of Japan. The tour seems to have given him valuable experience, and he is tipped by fans and promoters alike as a top title prospect.

PAT ROACH, one of the few wrestlers to come from the Midlands, is one of the most underrated men in the country today. Pat, who is 6 ft. 5 inches tall, does not bother about the glamour side of the grappling game, and it is difficult to get him to talk about himself and his career. However, Birmingham-born Pat is tipped as being one of the men who could take Bill Robinson's title belt, and he makes a big impact on the fans who enjoy clever wrestling.



COLIN JOYNSON



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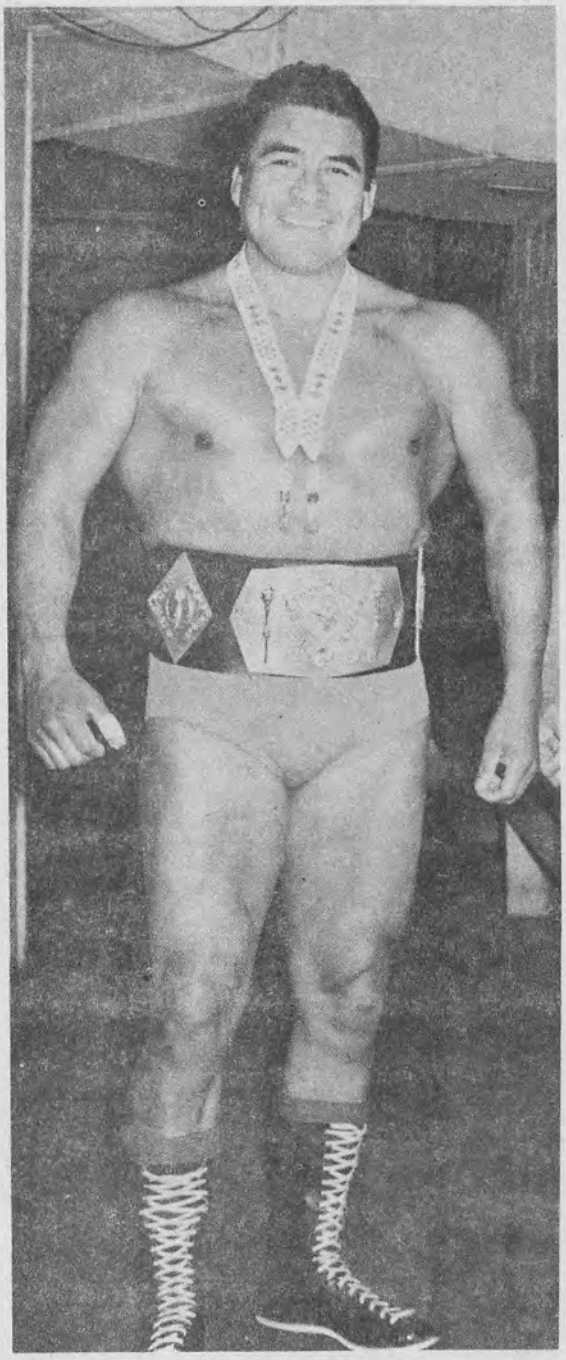

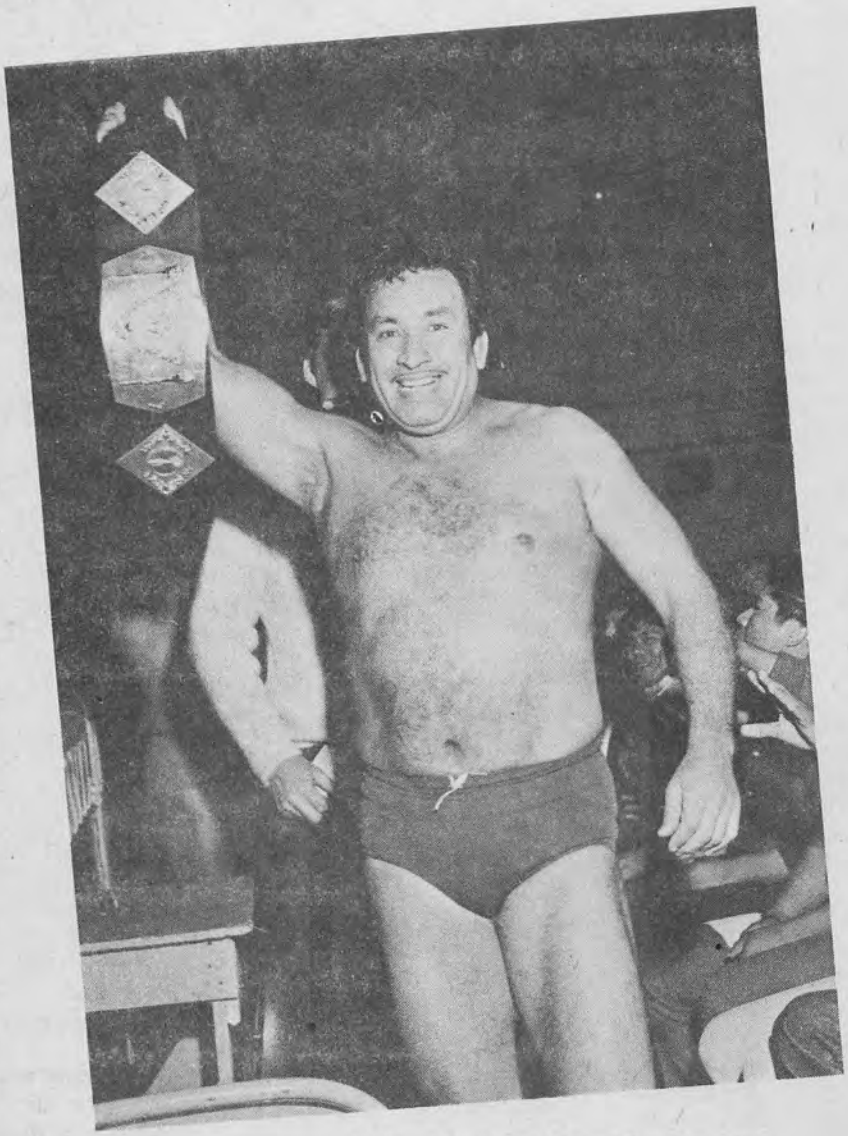

Luis and his partner, Pancho Pico, defeated the Medics to capture the championship belt that Pancho proudly waves below.

Tall, dark and handsome, that's Luis Martinez.

LUIS MARTINEZ

by Rick Lanning

It had been a long time since I last saw Luis Martinez. Three years ago, the ageless native of Mexico City had been giving his usual brilliant display of wrestling showmanship in a sports arena in Clovis, N.M. Martinez's opponent was tough Pat Kelly of Hollywood, who today is a movie actor. That night Kelly, a good-looking 220-pounder, was giving Marinez the battle of his life and I happened to see the show. Being a reporter for the Clovis News-Journal, I began to think in terms of writing a story about their ringwork. Martinez and Kelly both turned out to be the best kind of people and the article sold to a wrestling magazine.

Now Martinez was wearing dark glasses – I wondered if he was hiding from his fans or the mob – a grey sweater, and slacks. And he was sipping a coke at Madison Square Garden in Phoenix, Arizona,oblivious to the milling crowd pouring into the arena.

Jabbing him in the shoulder, I said, "What's new, Luis?" He wheeled around like a cat on the balls of his feet. His face crinkled into a grin. Before long we had turned the conversation into a run-down of his career and his grandchildren.

"Did you know I'm the youngest grandfather in the ring," he said, smiling. "And don't ask how old that is because I'm not talking."

He excitedly gave me the news that he and his partner, Pancho Pico, held the World's Heavyweight Tag Team Championship. Recently the men have been teaming up with popular ex-cowboy rodeo star Cowboy Bob Ellis in a six-man tag team match. Luis said the fans seem to like it real well.

"The possibility of six men in the ring at the same time increases the action," said Luis. "There's also a good chance somebody can get hurt, but as you know, we're paid to take chances."

"Come on, Luis," I said. "Stop being coy and tell the fans how old you are."

"Thirty-nice," he said, and the subject dropped right there. Last year Luis announced that he planned to retire and go to work promoting the physical ability of boys in Southern California. I asked him what changed his mind.

"At the time I made the announcement, I was serious about retiring," he said. "But with me, wrestling is like wine – it seems to get better with age. Today I feel better than I've ever felt before in my life. People enjoy watching me wrestle and I love the work – especially when I get paid."

In a recent campaign across the Midwest, Luis and Pancho drew a crowd topping 15,000 at the Amphitheater. Some of the top wrestling greats in the business faced them – Vic the Bruiser (who will be brought up later on another matter), Verne Gagne, Larry Hennig, Harley Race, and Wilbur Snyder. Luis in his swing through the Midwest drew 10,000 in Indianapolis, 12,000 at Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, and 4,000 in Gary, Ind. The whirlwind campaign meant a new city every night.

"It was wonderful," said Luis.

Beating the masked men was no easy task. They gave the team of Martinez and Pico a good going-over, until Luis clamped on his pet hold, in which he sits on his rival's neck and lifts their legs high in the air. The hold is so painful that it quickly brings submission.

"People cheered wherever we appeared. Plenty of prestige, glory, and money to comfort me in my old age."

Flexing his right muscle, Luis said, "Feel that! Does it feel like a grandfather's arm?" It was as solid as ever. Luis, who stands about five-foot-nine, keeps his weight around 220 pounds. He runs four miles every morning, starting at 8:30 a.m. when his day begins, to keep in top condition. Nothing can stand between Luis and his roadwork, which he does religiously.

"I'm a fanatic when it comes to good physical condition," he admitted. "If I'm home in California, I head for the YMCA. If I'm in a strange town, I look for a ballpark so I won't attract any attention."

Luis recommends a running program to anyone who wants to look and feel better – even heart victims.

"Running is the best exercise in the world," he said. "Doctors have written that running can repair a weak or damaged heart." To prove how well the sport agrees with him, the grandfather grabbed the top of a door sill and did 10 chinups in nothing flat. When he finished, he was scarcely breathing hard. He invited me to try the same.

"No thanks," I said. "Horseback riding is enough for me. That way the horse does all the work."

Luis has seen pro wrestlers literally eat themselves out of a job. To keep his weight under control, he sticks to a 100 percent protein diet. Occasionally he enjoys a beer or two after a match, but it's always done in moderation.

One night in Amarillo, Tex., he was scheduled to go against a wrestler whose name won't be revealed here. The wrestler showed up drunk. Luis didn't want to meet him in that condition, but there wasn't any substitute so the match was on.

"The poor guy rushed me and that was the end of the fight," recalled Luis, smiling slightly. "He missed catching the top rope and his head hit the floor, darn near killing him." That was the easiest match Luis ever won.

Although Luis likes to wrestle, no matter where he is, he considers the San Francisco Bay area the Mecca of the wrestling world. Not only are the crowds larger and more enthusiastic than anyplace else in the country, the money is more generous.

"San Francisco, Oakland, Fresno, and San Jose – the greatest wrestling cities I know of," he said. "I meet the top wrestlers in the profession in the Bay area."

Luis wrestles for promoter Roy Shires when he's on the West Coast. He considers Shires the greatest figure in the wrestling business today.

"Roy has made over a million dollars in the ring," he said. "It was through Roy's efforts that I teamed up with Pepper Gomez. We thrilled thousands of West Coast fans over an 18-month period."

In recent months, Luis said, he has slightly altered his style of wrestling. He's getting more scientific all the time. Luis has perfected a hold called the "Double Stomp Puller."

It is hard to believe, looking at him, that Luis is a grandfather

"You know the place where you stomp," said Luis (how's that again??) "Well, I sort of pull it apart." He used it against the Medics later at Madison Square Garden and, as somebody once said, "That's all she wrote!"

Interviewing Luis is a pleasure for the professional writer. Most wrestlers have trouble digging up colorful copy – not Martinez. He'll take the interview by the horns and keep the conversation going until he's convinced the writer has enough for a story. And unlike some wrestlers, Luis doesn't invent things about himself.

"Did you know," he said, "that a bear bit off my finger last year?"

"Let's hear it," I said.

Luis displayed the index finger of his right hand. Only a brief stump remained.

"This is the work of that (delete) Vic the Bruiser, the most miserable animal ever hatched," Luis said. "Some hunter should shoot him, in or out of season!"

Luis said the accident happened when he clashed with the Bruiser. Before he even knew Vic was chewing, the finger was mauled beyond repair.

An embarrassing moment occurred to Luis in Newark, N.J., not long after the bear incident. It took some persistent probing before he would tell the story.

Blushing, Luis explained that the Laurel Gardens sports arena was filled with about 2,000 fans. Luis had disrobed completely to get into a shower behind the stage curtains – there was no separate dressing room for the wrestlers. Suddenly a great shout arose behind him.

"I thought all the noise was because the wrestlers were getting rough in the ring," Luis said. "How was I to know that somebody had pulled the curtains and the people were laughing at me?"

His back to the audience, he prepared to step into the shower. Somebody rushed up and yelled at him. When Luis turned around, he stared into 2,000 screaming faces. He ran for cover.

Everybody hopes to eventually find the Fountain of Youth. Luis says he has found it in his profession. Despite a long line of injuries, more than a few bad moments, and all the time he has to be away from his family, he has nothing but praise for wrestling.

When he eventually retires in about 50 years, he plans to live in California and work with young people in a physical fitness program.

"Maybe the government will have a job for me," mused Luis. "Physical fitness is something everybody in America needs and needs bad. Look at the high percentage of 18 and 19-year-olds who are rejected for the draft. It's a national disgrace.

"We should be pouring more time and money into health, and less into foreign countries."

Luis was swamped with job offers from all over the country when he announced his premature retirement last year. One of the most tempting came from the Phoenix Jewish Community Center. They wanted him for their athletic director.

"I had to turn it down," said Martinez. "I love California too much to live in Arizona – even if Barry Goldwater does come from there."

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1968 Fan Club Convention — (A Big Success

By DON WILSON

The first annual convention of the Wrestling Fans International Association was held in Mankato, Minn., on August 23, 24, 25, 1968.

Friday, opening day, was spent setting up displays, with many fan clubs represented from the United States, Europe and Australia. The large meeting and banquet room of the Kahler Inn Towne Motel was lined with tables of these displays, which remained intact for the entire convention.

The first meeting was held Friday evening, with an opening address by W.F.I.A. Executive Director, Don Wilson. A special delivery letter from Sgt. and Mrs. Patrick R. O'Hara, was read, expressing best wishes for the convention. Also arriving was a telegram from Freddy Blassie and his fan club President, Jeff Walton, relaying their best wishes for a successful convention.

The President of the Battman Fan Club, Denny Natale, suggested Pittsburgh would be an ideal site for the 1969 convention and had done some groundwork on this. The cooperation of the promoters, Ace Freeman and Rudy Miller, was offered to the W.F.I.A.

Mr. Natale expressed additional information, such as room rates would be $11.50 single and $16.00 for a double or twin, and the tentative hotel would be the Albert Pick-Roosevelt, located five minutes from the arena and ten minutes from the TV station, where available free tickets would be given to the convention goers. A unanimous vote for Pittsburgh was effected.

Norm Kietzer, from the Mankato Wrestling Office, gave a welcoming talk. Mr. Kietzer explained the card for the following night, the rules for the battle royal, and that the Minneapolis Wrestling Office called and Baron Von Raschke was said to have been injured a couple of days earlier in Ohio, and would not be able to attend.

A representive of Lew Eskin, Editor of WRESTLING REVUE, explained why Mr. Eskin, who had to be in Washington, D.C., for a briefing prior to his trip to Viet Nam, was unable to attend, and that he expressed his best wishes for the convention.

Dave Sloan, respresentive from Ring Wrestling, brought a brief message from the editors along with their best wishes for a most informative convention.

Norm Kietzer of the Mankato wrestling office accepting an award from KEYC-TV Sports Director Mike Andrews.

The National Wrestling Alliance Convention, held the previous week, had discussed the feasibility of getting together with other Alliances and having an elimination tournament, with the end result of having only one World Champion. This was felt to be one of the best ways to better the image of professional wrestling, and therefore agreed upon by those present in Mankato.

The fact that some wrestlers use many different names when wrestling, was discussed, with the general opinion, a wrestler should use only one name in the ring, unless of course using a mask, and in this manner, would also help the wrestling profession.

It was about this time, that Bobby Shane called from Portland, Oregon, just prior to his match there, to wish the convention much success, express his best wishes and to tell everyone hello.

There was discussion about having various weight classes here, as in England and other countries; Earl Elder's system of cleaning up wrestling; the cooperation of promoters required in having conventions in their areas; and getting more interest from the various State Athletic Commissions in establishing more uniform rules and regulations.

Saturday, the big day, saw the setting up of last-minute displays, general discussions, and the judging of pictures, posters, displays and fan club bulletins by Norm Kietzer, and Larry Lewis, Promoter from Ceder Rapids, Iowa, who was also guest announcer for that night's wrestling card.

At 1 p.m., the banquet started, with KEYC TV Sports Director, Mike Andrews, as Master of Ceremonies and featured guest speaker, Tiny Mills.

Tiny Mills did an excellent job of keeping the group well entertained, and his talk, laced with comments by his lovely wife, was most enjoyable and informative. Mr. Mills talked about his long wrestling career, as well as his refereeing, about his starting as a tag team partner with his brother, the late great Al Mills, along with discussion about various greats in the wrestling profession as he knew them. Many nice comments about Mr. Mills, were heard after the banquet, a great person and a fine gentleman.

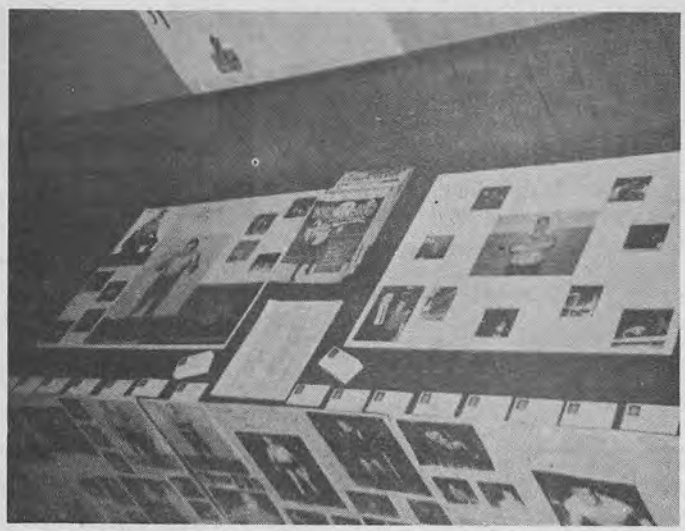
Certificates of Award in the photo displays went to the following: Lillian Schnur, Ouida Baynham, both from St. Louis, Mo. Denny Natale of Pittsburgh, Pa., Jim Melby of St. Paul, Minn., Vicki Moore of Lincoln, Neb., and Dave Burzynski of Detroit, Mich., who also won the Best 1968 W.F.I.A. Convention Photo Award.

Certificates of Award in the poster judging went to: Bill Miller Fan Club; Mad Dog Vachon Fan Club; and the Donovans. Fan Club, which also won the most unusual Poster Award, for a poster with a wrestling ring, which surrounded a 8 x 8 picture of Jack and Verne Donovan, and outside the ring, photos of the officers of the club.

Certificates of Award were also given to the Best New Club, Mad Dog Vachon with Vicki Moore, president. Honorable mention went to Ivan Kalmikoff Fan Club, Jerry Davidson, president. Fred Blassie F.C., Jeff Walton, president; Sputnik Monroe F.C., Danny Goddard, president. Fred president. Fred Curry F.C., Christine McConnell, president; Dale Lewis F.C., Betty Chrastil, president; Four Stars F.C., Ray Message, president; International Wrestling Supporters F.C., Jack Mawdsley, president; Peter Mavia F.C., Dorothy Paget, president; and Roy Heffernan F.C., Jean McEwan, president.

The Wrestling Fans International Association trophies were simply fabulous, and were awarded as follows: Best Monthly Newsletter, Don Carson Fan Club, Joan Anderson, president. Best Quarterly Bulletin, Edouard Carpentier Fan Club, Karen Henderson, president. Best Bi-Monthly Bulletins, Battman Fan Club, Denny Natale, president. Best Monthly Bulletins (General) Mat World Fan Club, Dave Sloan, president. Best Monthly Bulletin, The Donovans Fan Club, Don Wilson, president.

Wrestler Tiny Mills was one of the guest speakers.



This was the display that won an award for the Bill Miller Fan Club.

Over all display trophies were next, with Best International Display, to Ron M. Farrar of England. The Best U.S. Display to Donovans Fan Club.

W.F.I.A. Convention Fan Club of 1968 award went to the Donovans International Fan Club, who also won the award at last year's convention in Detroit.

The Most Cooperative Wrestler, W.F.I.A. Convention of 1968 award, went to Tiny Mills in the ring, prior to his victory over Black Jack Daniels.

The W.F.I.A. Convention Wrestler of 1968 award, went to Big Luke Brown, as winner of the main event battle royal, presented in the ring, by the Executive Director of the W.F.I.A.

After the top notch wrestling card Saturday night, a surprise birthday party for Don Wilson was held in the motel, with nearly 30 people present for a piece of the beautiful cake, decorated with a wrestling ring. Professor Steve Druk was one of those attending, and gave a most interesting dissertations about wrestling, both here and abroad. A truly wonderful time.

Sunday morning was somewhat sad, as the many fans began dismantling their displays and saying their goodby's over coffee and donuts, provided by the W.F.I.A.

Plans are well under way, for the 1969 Wrestling Fans International Association Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, probably during the month of June. In order to keep informed of Convention happenings and other items of interest, write to W.F.I.A., P. O. Box 11007, St. Louis, Mo., 63135, enclosing one dollar for a year's membership in this fine organization, as it bands together wrestling fans from all over the world.

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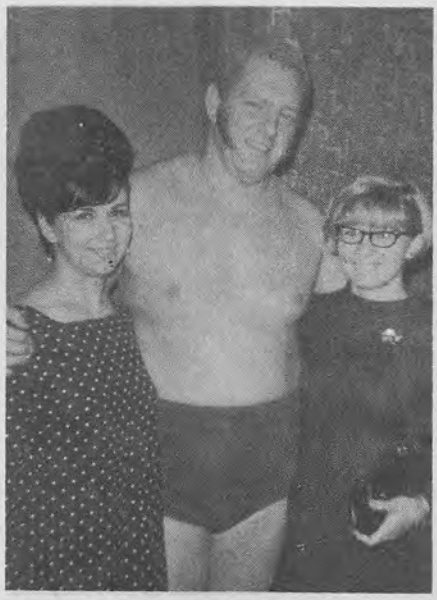
Big Luke Brown is presented a trophy by W. R.'s Don Wilson.



Buster Gordon is the lucky one with pert fans Judy Walker (l) and Rita Counahan.

The displays of the Sputnik Monroe and Don Carson fan clubs.

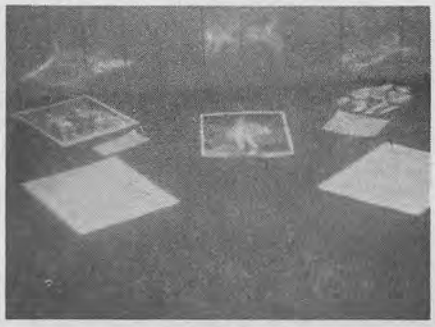


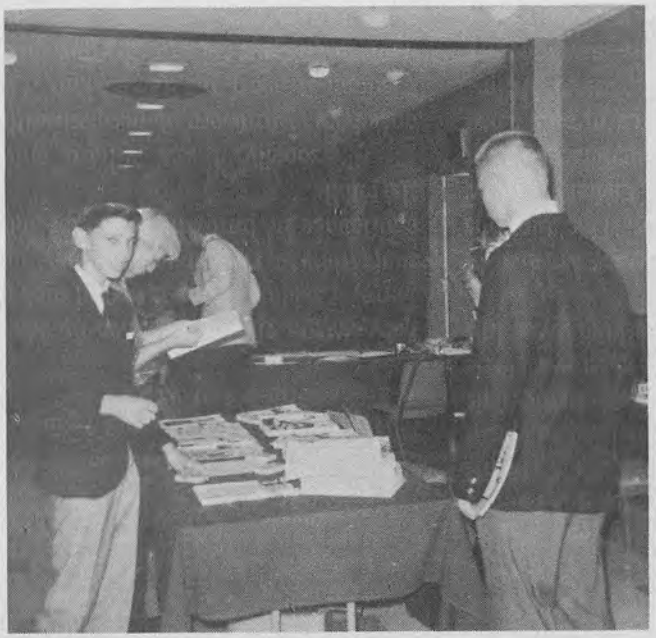
Photo Report From Mankato

Vickie Moore, Prexie of the "Mad Dog" Vachone F. C., was an award winner.

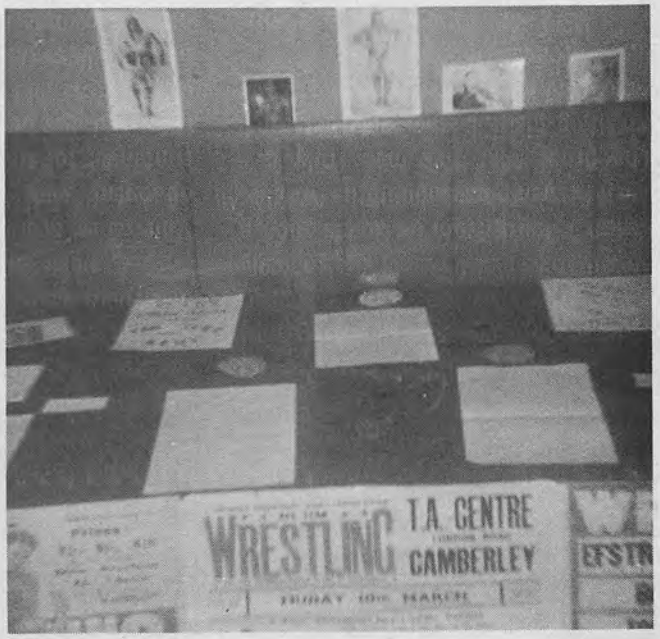
Eduard Carpentier F. C. president Karen Henderson and her display.

The award-winning Donovans F. C. display and the proud club officers. (l-r) Diane Devins, Judy Wilson, Don Wilson, Lillian Schnur & Ouida Baynham.

Denny Natale, boss of the Battman Fan Club and his display.



A few of the fans looking over the displays.



The award-winning international display from Ron M. Farrar of England.

FAN CLUB CHATTER

By DON WILSON

With this year's Fan Club Convention which is covered fully on the preceding pages the big news of the month, we will with your indulgence make this column a shorty, devoting the space to a large number of fans who are interested in obtaining pen pals, and exchanging information, photos and programs with other fans as well as with some who are interested in joining particular fan clubs.

Wanda Adams, L-163 Carmichael Apts, Enterprise, Alabama, 36330, would like to join a fan club for the FIELDS BROTHERS, and write to any fans of theirs.

I am interested in joining fan clubs for IGOR, THE OKLAHOMA KID, and THE BEST. Have the presidents write to me, Garry Hammings 5376 Parkview, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49001.

James Grover Lee, Rt 3, Box 411, Windsor, North carolina, 27983, would like to exchange tape recordings of wrestling matches and interviews from TV matches.

Lois Earley, 254 Bonavista Road, Salem, Virginia, 25143, would like to join a club for JERRY LONDON, and also write to fans of his.

Jim Waaland II, 525 Scott Avenue, Findlay, Ohio, 45840, would like to join fan clubs for, MOOSE CHOLAK, THE SHIEK, BULL CURRY, ERNIE LADD, BARON FRITZ VON RASCHKE and CHIEF WHITE OWL. Jim would also like to obtain some lists of available photos for sale.

Carolyn Page, Star Route 4, Lamesa, Texas, 79331, would like pen pals. Her favorites are DAN MILLER, DICKIE STEINBORN, EDDIE GRAHAM and RICKY ROMERO.

Ed Bartelme, 9510 Ferguson Road, Apt 1082, Dallas, Texas, 75228, would like some pen pals particularly in Georgia, Illinois, Colorado, Michigan and Canada. Ed's favorites are FRITZ and WALDO VON ERICH, NICK & JERRY KOZAK, BILLY RED LYONS AND GRIZZLY SMITH.

Steve Blenkush, 1621 9th Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota, 58102, would like some pen pals around the country.

Billy Fleischman with Buddy Rogers.

Tom Heidger, 5633 Parkchester Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, 63121, would like to join clubs for WILBUR SNYDER & EDOUARD CARPENTIER. And would also like pen pals from Boston, Milwaukee and Houston.

Larry Hudson, 744 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan, 48503, would like information about the SHIEK, as he is compiling a booklet about the matches involved. Larry would also like a pen pal from Texas.

Gary Urban, 346 50th Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois, 60104, would like pen pals from Moline, Minneapolis and Milwaukee. His favorites are IGOR, DOCTOR X and GENE KINISKI.

Gert Danahey, P. O. Box 187, Canton, Mass. 02021 would like to hear from other girls in her area, that are interested in starting a small amateur wrestling club.

Top fan Dorothy Smith of Naples, Fla.

Cheryl Shackleton, Rt 1, Box 1204, Mount Dora, Florida, 32757, would like to join a fan club from JOE SCARPA. She would also like to write to fans of his, as well as fans of PAUL DEMARCO, WAHOO MCDANIEL, SAN STEAMBOAT, KOA TIKI, JOSE LOTHARIO and other Florida stars.

Susie Freeman, 152 Margaret Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15210 would like to have pen pals all over the country to exchange programs, results and clippings. Her favorite wrestler is BRUNO SAMMARTINO.

Joan Obeslo, 2415 N. E. Pacific Street, Portland, Oregon, 97232, would like some pen pals. Her favorites are BOB SWEETAN, STAN STASIAK and JIM OSBORNE.

Robert Fraser, % Telegraph Branch Post Office, Whalcatane, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, would like to correspond with girl wrestling fans.

Maryanne Pallessi, 66 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey, 07110, would like to have some pen pals. Her favorites are EDOUARD CARPENTIER, BRUNO SAMMARTINO, ARNIE SKOLAND. Regarding your question, Maryanne, just ask the wrestler involved.

Carl G. Lang, 137 Lafayette Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky, 40502, would like to hear from all those interested in his project, Operation Mat Talent. Carl is on the search for young people interested in following a professional mat career.

That about wraps up another issue, but I would like to remind all the fan club presidents, that if I don't hear from you, see your club material, bulletins, etc., it is most difficult to comment on the operation of your club. So get busy. In writing to me direct, send a stamped self addressed envelope, if an answer is desired, to Don Wilson, P. O. Box 11007, St. Louis, Missouri, 63135. See ya next month, and always remember to do your best in your fan club efforts.

OFFICIAL WRESTLING RATINGS

These ratings are the most complete and up to the minute of any ratings in the world. They are compiled with the help of our world-wide network of Correspondents and the assistance of the International Fan Clubs. We have added a fifth group to our listings in answer to many requests. The Junior Heavyweight Division joins the previously listed Men, Women, Men's Tag-Teams and Midgets.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

1. Bruno Sammartino
2. Gene Kiniski
3. Verne Gagne
4. Fritz Von Erich
5. Low Thesz
6. Ray Stevens
7. Dick The Bruiser
8. Bobo Brazil
9. Aslam Pahalwan
10. Eduardo Carpentier
11. Shohei Baba
12. The Sheik
13. Ernie Ladd
14. The Destroyer
15. Bill Miller
16. Spiros Arion
17. The Crusher
18. Mark Lewin
19. Earl Maynard
20. Wilbur Snyder
21. Karl Gotch
22. Bill Watts
23. Jack Lanza
24. Dom DeNucci
25. Whipper Watson
26. Igor Vodik
27. Sputnik Monroe
28. Eddie Graham
29. Don Greene
30. Kenji Shuibya

JR. HEAVYWEIGHTS

1. Dan Hodge
2. Billy Robinson
3. Jackie Fargo
4. Dory Funk Sr.
5. Ricki Starr
6. Len Rossi
7. Fred Curry
8. Steve Veidor
9. Jack Brisco
10. Bobby Shane
11. Les Thatcher
12. Johnny DeFazio
13. Gory Guerrero
14. Eddie Sharkey
15. Joe McCarthy
16. Joe Cornelius
17. Jerry Kozak
18. Arnold Skaaland
19. Lorenzo Parente
20. Mike Clancy
21. Golden Boy Dupree
22. Mario Galento
23. Rene Goulet
24. Miguel Perez
25. Chris Belkas
26. Doug Joyce
27. Con Papal-Abarou
28. Pepi Gomez
29. Bob Boyer
30. Duke Miller

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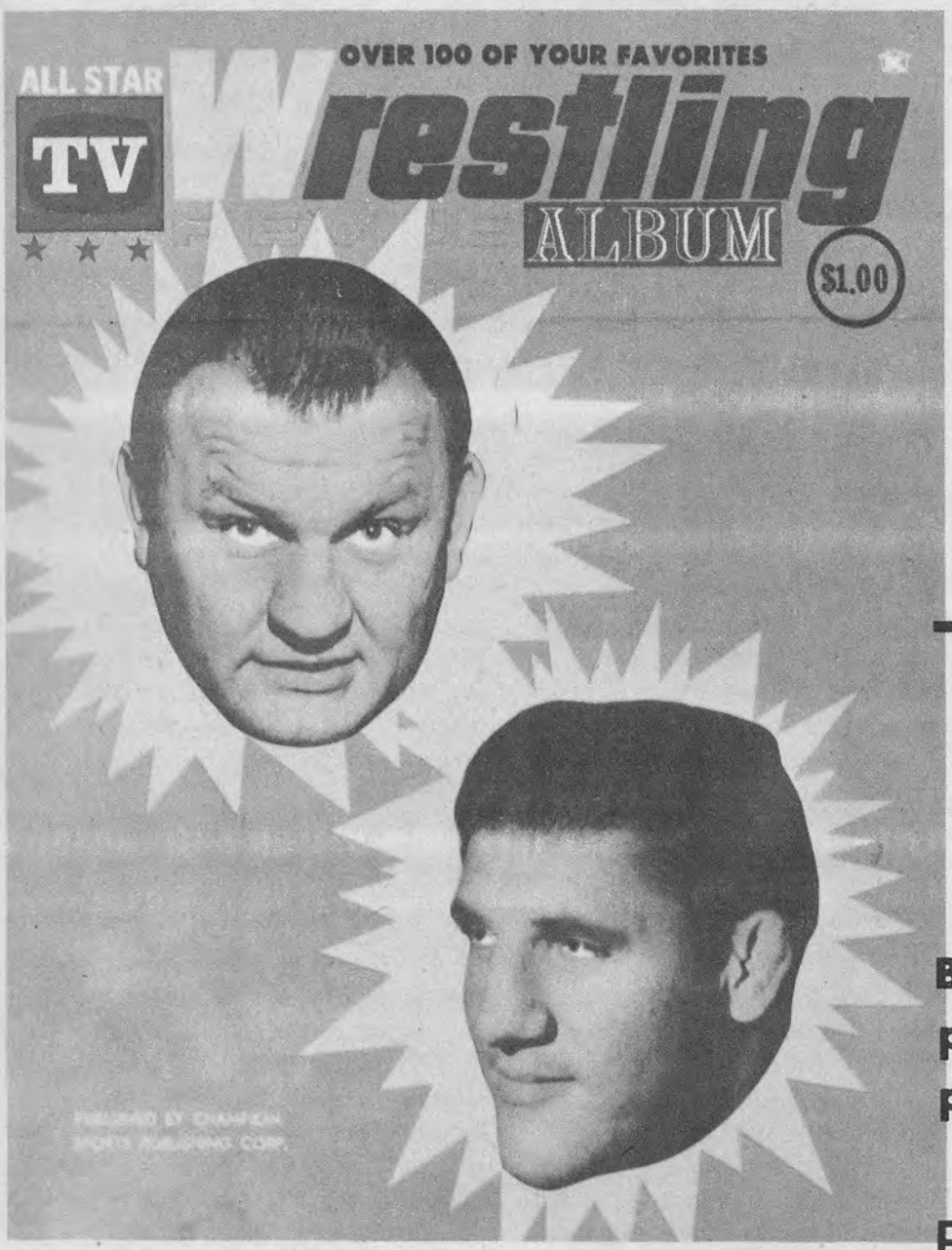

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W. R.'s reporter, Guss Van der Gucht, is flanked by Akim Manuka (l) and Youssef Mammouth.

do with a couple of new names: the Albanian Prince, Akim Manuka, and Caesar Viltard, a new star in the Paris rings. First, about the Prince. Akim Manuka, an Albanian prince, took Antwerp by storm. Usually, people don't trust newcomers, and it is sometimes hard for a wrestler to get the public on his side. But Akim made such a great physical impression, especially on the women, that he was accepted even before the bout had started.

A tall man (6'-2") entered the ring, brown-skinned, with a small black beard, broad-shouldered, smiling confidently at the audience. His first opponent, the Terrible Turk, Youssef Mammouth, entered the roped square a little bit too self-assured. Before he realized what happened, he was lying on his back in the front row. Youssef was so astonished that he nearly forgot to re-enter the ring. He took a chair and tried to hit Manuka, but no good. Akim took away the forbidden arm, and crashed it down on poor Youssef's head.

For a moment everybody thought that the bout was over, but instead of giving up, the Turk went after his foe, obviously with the intention to cripple him. It was in these moments that the great class and style of Manuka was recognized. After a fierce battle. Manuka pinned his opponent. This sudden victory, over such a great wrestler as Youssef Mammouth, made Manuka one of the leading names on many programs in Antwerp, Liege, Charleroi and even Paris.

Akim Manuka is a real Albanian prince. This doesn't prevent him from loving wrestling more than anything else in the world. A year ago he started travelling. He was just sick of sitting home, and he went to visit his neighbouring country, Yugoslavia. There he wrestled the famous Jim Atlas, and was able to beat this giant six times out of seven. So he became an idol to every Yugoslavian wrestling fan. Then the Prince went to Greece, where he outwrestled many famous Greek stars.

He was asked over to Antwerp by Mr. Pete Brackeniers, our national promoter. As described before, Akim convinced every wrestling fan of his great qualities in his first match with Youssef Mammouth. Our promoter thought him strong enough to wrestle the famous Allan La Foudre, the Belgo-Canadian winner of the Hamburg tournament. Allan, a wrestler of an outstanding class, nevertheless had one of the toughest fights in his career. Akim started rather scientifically, but as he saw that Allan was better on that point, he tried to outrough him. However, it didn't do him any good. The Prince was beaten up and La Foudre was the winner. It had been a very good and furious fight.

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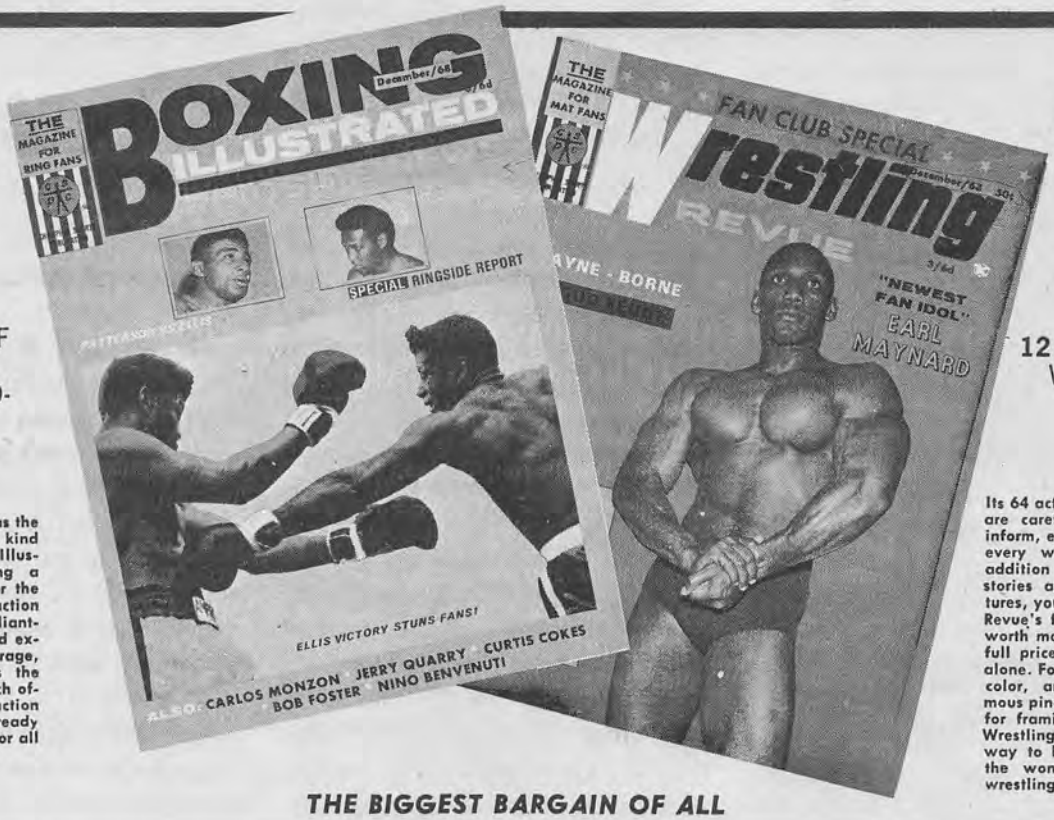

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THE LISTENING POST

By EARLE YETTER

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The response to the proposed organization known as the Professional Wrestlers' Benevolent Association has been tremendous. Fans have written in saying that such an organization should have been formulated years and years ago because it is a worthy project for incapacitated and injured wrestlers' families.

It appears that such an organization would have to be established by a group of far-sighted promoters who would be willing to donate a portion of the profits of their shows toward the PWBA fund. Other methods of adding to that fund could be established later on by way of special shows and benefit performances.

Just who will be the guiding light of the proposed organization is open to conjecture at the present time. Sam Muchnick, President of the National Wrestling Alliance and a promoter in St. Louis, feels that the project is a very worthy one and should be seriously considered and established into full bloom in the near future.

With the assistance of such promoters as Jim Crockett, South Carolina; Joe Dusek, Omaha, Nebraska; Jules Strongbow and Roy Shires, California; Frank Tunney, Canada; Frank Fleser, Detroit; Bobby Bruns, Buffalo, N. Y.; Willie Gilzenberg and Charley Johnston, New York; Bob Luce, Chicago, along with any other promoters who would be willing to join in a united effort to "get it off the ground," the fund could all be made a reality.

Professional wrestlers are entitled to obtain benefits from such a fund the same as football and baseball players or any other individuals in the professional sports curriculum. They all go out and give their best in their hazardous occupations, thus they are all entitled to financial benefits for their wives and families for the necessities of life when injuries or illness makes their purses for matches non-existent.

The writer would like to see the establishment of the PWBA fund as it will serve to ease the minds of more than 1,500 wrestlers now in the business who all agree that such a fund would be a god-send to them and their families. Gentlemen, let's get this worthy project off to a flying start. It has been sadly needed for years.

Willie Gilzenberg

Promoters now are squaring away for what could be the most beneficial new season. They are all competing and trying to out-bid one another to secure top attractions for their arenas and when that happens it could mean good business prospects for all concerned. Top stars, along with a collection of up-and-coming new faces are what most wrestling fans like to see. The diligent promoter will provide that kind of program for his clients.

Appearing on the Canadian scene under the guidance of Promoter Frank Tunney in Toronto, are such newcomers as Eric the Red, a strapping 300-pound gladiator from Copenhagen, Denmark, who is undefeated at this writing. Other new faces include Frankie Lane, Tom JOnes, Mike Loren, Terry White, The Golden Hawk, Ernie Schwab and among this list could be some of the "Stars of Tomorrow."

Other stars appearing on the Canadian circuit include such figures as Edouard Carpentier, Gene Kiniski, NWA Champ; Bruno Sammartino, WWWF Champ; Killer Joe Christie, Dewey Robertson, Tiger Jeet Singh, new U. S. TV Champ; George (Dutch) Momberg, Mario Fratarolli, Sylvane Richard, Bill Terry, Prof. Turo Tanaka, The Assassin, Murray Cummings, along with Fred Atkins, Australian strong-boy and British Empire Champion Whipper Billy Watson. These boys keep the turnstiles clicking with outstanding performances in Hamilton, Toronto, Welland, St. Catharines, Oschawa and Kitchener.

Promoter Bobby Bruns, who has assumed the management of the newly formed Erie Wrestling Club in Buffalo, N. Y., has been on a scouting tour seeking new talent for Buffalo fans during the new season getting under way.

According to advance reports, Bruns is a hard taskmaster. He pays top money, but he also wants top performances from those wrestlers he signs to a contract. If Bruns thinks a wrestler isn't giving his very best, he might find himself tangling with Bobby in the dressingroom.

"When Buffalo fans see a couple of my shows during the new season I am confident they will support my efforts to bring only the best attractions to Buffalo. Ten years ago Buffalo was one of the greatest wrestling cities in the country and it is my every intention of returning to

Sam Muchnick

Bobby Bruns

that status," concluded Bruns, whose confidence in his match-making magic cannot be denied.

Orchids to my esteemed contemporary, Don Wilson, who has done an admirable job with his Fan Club Column. This lad is the guiding light to the well-being of dozens of wrestlers' fan clubs throughout the world and his advice and guidance should be taken with more than just a grain of salt by those people who seek to head new wrestling clubs in the immediate future. Fan club honoraries should realize that their club is their best friend and they should co-operate to make their own club a success in every way.

The writer is always ready to combat anything or anyone who is instrumental in maligning or getting the sport of wrestling into a bad light. The New York State Athletic Commission, which body has the jurisdiction over boxing and wrestling in the state, in my opinion, should allow and offer licenses to the girl wrestlers whose pleas for such licenses have been turned down in spite of the Civil Rights Law. The girls feel they have as much right to earn their livelihoods as the men in the Empire state. Not so long ago the State of California gave the girls the green light to appear there and they have proven to be a sensation for West Coast fans. The coffers of the New York State treasury could be upped considerably if the additional ticket sale taxes could be realized by Athletic Commissioner Eddie Dooley. How much longer must the girls wait for action in their favor, Mr. Dooley?

Commentator-wrestler Lord Athol Layton is another individual who seeks to keep the sport of wrestling on an equal footing with other pro sports. He abhors the tactics of unorthodox wrestlers who try everything in the book for victories. One who takes exception to Layton's comments is The Assassin from parts unknown, but a lad who can tear things apart on the slightest provocation. On TV interviews in Hamilton, Canada, The Assassin even threatened to take Layton's job away from him using a fifteen-foot bull whip to emphasize his statements. Layton will probably end up by challenging this newest menace to a match and that should be something. Boy, the characters that come along from time to time certainly help to keep the game in the spotlight.

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SULLIVAN. . . .

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hobbies consist of oil painting and relaxing on the shores of the nearest beach, when he can find the time from his busy wrestling schedule.

The wrestling profession keeps Eddie on the road quite a bit. He loves the traveling around, meeting different people and seeing different places and he does not plan on quitting anytime in the near future.

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Eddie is a strong, clever grappler with a crowd-pleasing style.

Eddie posed with a fan from Dothan, Ala., for this picture. He is popular with the gals, and no wonder.

people who have taked with him or even seen him in action will be the ones who will know what a great person he is and what an even greater asset he is to the wrestling profession.

Every wrestler has to quit the game sooner or later, but we can be sure that Eddie Sullivan will be around for a long, long time, because he loves wrestling and his fans. After all, what good is success if you can't enjoy it awhile?

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Ripping and tearing away at the face of an opponent is a favorite tactic employed by Blassie.

BLASSIE. . . .

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attacked Blassie. But getting back to the action. Down from the dressing rooms came Rocky Montero, The Medics, Jim Osborne, Pedro Morales, Buddy Moreno, Mr. Moto and two referees to try to quell the riotous storm. Left and right Brazil koko-butted all the wrestlers who tried to stop him. Poor Buddy Moreno had to have six stitches in a gash caused by Brazil's stone-like skull.

Now the fans began to get in the act and Blassie was no longer a happy and content wrestler. After about fifteen minutes, the storm quieted down, and announcer Jimmy Lennon anounced that the next fall would decide the winner.

Again, Brazil blew his top and lifted referee Art Williams out of the ring bodily. As Williams argued with Brazil, sneaky Freddy, recovering from an attack by Brazil, got to his feet and raced across the ring, sending his knee into Brazil's back and spine. Bobo fell like a sack of flour to the canvas. Blassie fell on top of Bobo and the ref had no choice but to count Brazil out and give the match to Blassie.

Now, the storm rose to fever pitch as a near-riot broke out. Brazil tore after Blassie and Fred tore for safety. Brazil cooled off by now and apologized to the fans and fellow wrestlers he had attacked in the heat of madness. "I wanted Blassie's hide," Bobo told me later in the parking area. "I still want it. We ain't through yet. I'm gonna koko-butt all the stuffings out a Mr. Blassie next time we meet." In the meantime Fred was being stitched up by a doctor.

"I won, didn't I? The great Fred Blassie showed that big bum a trick or two." At this point Fred began to shout and scream that he was the greatest wrestler around.

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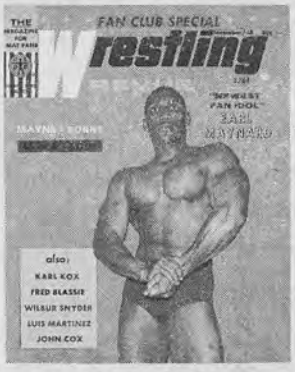

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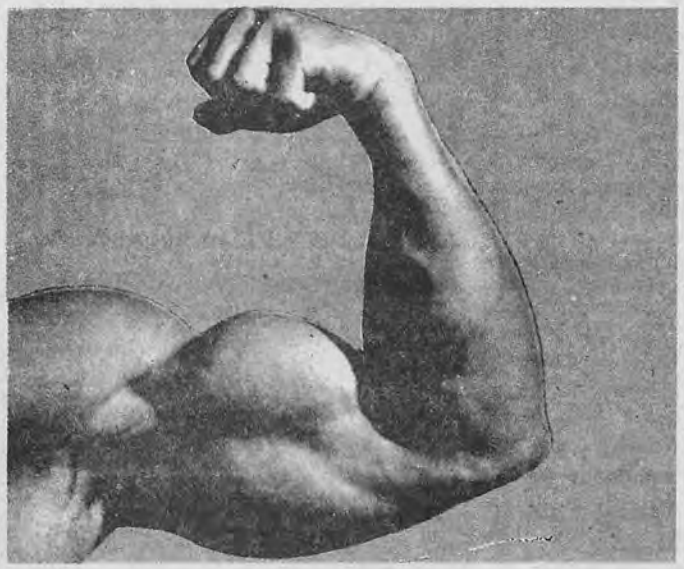

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NATION-WIDE WRESTLING RESULTS

KANSAS REPORT (Correspondent DAVE MAXON)

TOPEKA .... Kay Noble beat Carmen Monge, Bob Ellis won on a disqualification over Bob Brown; Sonny Myers and The Mad Russian drew; Bob Geigel and The Spoiler also went to a draw.

KANSAS CITY .... Steve Bolus whipped Mike DiBiase; The Avenger and Sonny Myers drew; Pat O'Connor beat Gorgeous George Jr; Bob Brown whipped Dick the Bruiser; Earl Maynard whipped Roger Kirby; Bob Geigel defeated The Viking. Man Mountain Mike won a eleven man battle royal.

NEW YORK, N.Y. (Correspondent JOSEPH D'AMICO) .... Arnold Skoaland whipped Frank Hickey; Irish Jackie & Jamaica Kid downed Sky Low Low & Little Brutus; Dick Steinborn and Earl Maynard drew; Vittorio Apollo defeated Bull Ramos; Bobo Brazil whipped Virgil Butcher; Bruno Sammartino & Victor Rivera defeated Prof. Tanaka & Gorilla Monsoon.

ATLANTA, GA. (Correspondent CHUCK THORNTON) .... Johnny Walker downed Pepe Gomez; Tim Geohagen & Mario Galento won from Guillotine Gordon & Joe Tuco; Bob Armstrong & Sputnik Monroe drew; Ray Gungel & Buddy Fuller won from Butcher Vachone & The Reptile; The Professional defeated Dick Steinborn, The Torres Brothers defeated Tarzan Tyler & Brute Bernard.

AMARILLO, Texas (Correspondent JEFF WEST) .... Lord Patrick Patterson beat Chief Little Eagle; Ricky Romero & Evelyn Stevens won from The Sniper & Barbara Galento; The Infernos whipped The Funks by a disqualification.

CHICAGO, Ill. (Correspondent ALAN EPPENSTEIN) .... Bill Watts defeated Harley Race; The Crusher defeated Mad Dog Vachone; Wilbur Snyder and Dr. X went to a no decision; Angelo Poffo beat Frankie Laine; Jack Lanza won from Dutch Savage; Moose Cholak beat Johnny Kace.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (Correspondent PATSY DAVIS) .... Don Carson & Red Shadow won over Jackie Fargo and Corsica Joe; Scufflin Hillbillies won from Tim Tyler & Masked Demon; Ken Lucas & Dennis Hall defeated Mr. Sugi & Tojo Yamamoto.

ASBURY PARK, N.J. (Correspondent PATRICK QUIGLEY) .... Arnold Skoaland beat Johnny Rodz; George Steele defeated Earl Maynard; Victor Rivera won from Bull Ramos; Prof. Tanaka & Gorilla Monsoon defeated Pete Sanchez & Lenny Solomon; Bruno Sammartino defeated Virgil Butcher.

QUEBEC, Canada (Correspondent CAMILLE LORD)

MONTREAL .... Yvan Koloff beat Maurice Vachone; Waldo Von Erich beat Don McClarity; Jacques Rougeau & Carlos Colon won over Gerard Dugas & Matt Gilmore; Ox Baker whipped Eddy Auger; Masques No. 1 & 2 beat Willy Trembley & Dale Roberts; Buster Lloyd whipped Larry Moquin.

SHERBROOKE .... Ox Baker beat Mario Fratarolli; Dale Roberts beat The Mask; Larry Moquin whipped Irwin Starh; Johnny Rougeau defeated Hans Schmidt; Tony Baillargeon beat Gerard Dugas; Carlos Colon won from Ray Coutures.

BATON ROUGE, La. (Correspondent SHARON PARKER) .... Pepe Perez & Gerald Briscoe won from Kenny Mack & The Mongol; Danny Little Bear & Kit Fox defeated Frank and Jack Dalton.

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. (Correspondent DAVE MACIEWSKI) .... Johnny Kace beat Bob Kappel; Bill Watts beat Dutch Savage; Chris Markoff beat Frankie Laine; The Crusher defeated Mitsu Arakawa; Dr. X beat Dick the Bruiser on a disqualification.

ABILENE, Texas (Correspondent DON WILSON) .... The Hangman beat Jerry Kozak; Chief Little Eagle beat Alex Perez; Dory Funk Jr. won from Killer Karl Kox; The Funks defeated The Von Brauners; Pat Patterson won over Thunderbolt Patterson.

MOBILE, Ala. (Correspondent BARRY YONKER) .... Flash Monroe beat Chief White Owl; Greg Peterson beat Rocket Monroe; Bobby Fields defeated The Cobra Kid; Mario Galento & Lee Fields won from The Interns; Dr. Jerry Graham beat Billy Spears.

CAROLINA REPORT (Correspondent MIKE MOONEYHAM)

RALEIGH .... Paul Jones & Nelson Royal won over Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson; Alex Medina beat Rick Miller; Bob Ramstead whipped Jack Rice; Gene, Lars & Ole Anderson won over The Scotts & Luther Lindsay.

GREENVILLE .... The Hines boys defeated Paul Jones & Nelson Royal; Mr. Wrestling defeated Les Wolfe; Barbara Nichols won from Toni Rose; The Missouri Mauler & Hiro Matsuda defeated George Becker & Johnny Weaver.

CHARLESTON .... Bobby Ramstad beat Billy Spears; Jesse James won over Robert Burns; The Gauchos beat Les Thatcher & Paul DeMarco; Mr. Wrestling & Art Thomas won from Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (Correspondent RICHARD ROSS) .... Bull Ramos beat Lou Albano; George Steele defeated Pete Sanchez; Arnold Skoaland whipped Johnny Rodz; Gorilla Monsoon beat Tony Altamore; Eduardo Carpentier whipped Virgil Butcher.

TOLEDO, O. (Correspondent JIM WAALANDER II) .... Black Jack Gordon & Sonny King drew; Bull Ortega beat Levis Bresneck; Linda Klein beat Gloria Dawn; Dan Miller beat Hells

Angel No. 1; Dirty Dick Murdock whipped Don Anderson.

TAMPA, Fla. (Correspondent TIM REDMAN) .... Tom Jones beat Duke Keomuka; Louie Tillete & Eduardo Perez beat Eddie Graham & Sam Steamboat; Sherri Lee & Sputnik Monroe whipped Susan Slade & Tank Morgan; Johnny Valentine beat Red Bastien; Gene Kiniski beat Jose Lothario.

SEATTLE, Wash. (Correspondent BURTON GOODWILL) .... Tom Andrews won from Jack Bentz; Erich Feorlich was beaten by Kurt Von Steiger; Abdulah the Butcher beat Paul Diamond; Patty Beret beat Arman Hussain; Karl Von Steiger lost to Bruce Kirk; Little Darlin' Dagmar won over Diamond Lil; Haystack Calhoun & Don Leo Jonathon defeated The Assassins; Gene Kiniski beat Tex McKenzie.

ODESSA, Texas (Correspondent RAY BEEDY) . . . .The Infernos defeated Rickey Romero & Nick Bockwinkle; Chief Little Eagle defeated the Sniper; Pat Patterson & Jean Antone won from Dory Funk Sr. & Evelyn Stevens.

ANGOLA, Indiana (Correspondent HARRY CLEVELIN) .... Cora Combs beat Mary Lind; Johnny Kace defeated Joe Tomasso; Dr. Moto & Mitsu Arakawa won from Moose Cholak & Dick The Bruiser.

VIRGINIA REPORT (Correspondent KATHERINE COPLAN)

LYNCHBURG .... Bob Nandor won over Alex Medina; Luther Lindsay & Abe Jacobs won from Tinker Todd & Nikita Mulkovich.

ROANOKE .... Jack Rico beat Rick Miller; Ole Anderson beat Jack Murphy; Paul DeMarco & Bob Ramstad beat Johnny Heidman & Nikita Mulkovich; Gene & Lars Anderson won from George Becker & Johnny Weaver.

TULSA, Okla. (Correspondent GEORGE STEWART) .... Gorgeous George Jr. beat Jerry Miller; Lorenzo Parente beat Chati Yokouchi; Karl Von Stroheim beat Chuck Carbo; Gerald Briscoe and Matti Suzuki drew; Dan Hodge beat Mr. Ito.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Correspondent JOE ROSSI) .... Dennis Hall defeated Luis Garcia; Joyce Grable whipped Patti Neilson; Ken Lucas defeated Mighty Yankie No. 1; Gentleman Saul, Tojo Yamamoto & Mr. Sugi won from Tamayo Soto, Len Rossi & Lou Thesz.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (Correspondent BILL DANIELSON) .... Kurt Hess won from Pedro Valdez; Dusty Rhodes beat Billy "Red" Lyons; Grizzly Smith defeated Spoiler No. 1; Jerry Kozak, Vittorio Apollo & Evelyn Stevens won from Dusty Rhodes, Joe Blanchard & Barbara Galento.

BLYTHVILLE, Ark. (Correspondent DON KENT) .... Cyclone Atlas beat Mack York; Tojo Yamamoto & Mr. Sugi defeated Ken Lucas & Lou Thesz.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (Correspondent DON WILSON) .... Angelo Poffo beat Dwayne Peale; Lou Thesz beat The Viking; Jack Lanza beat Bob Boyer; Bill Watts beat Tor Kamata.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REPORT (Correspondent JOE POTTGIESER JR.)

SAN JOSE .... Steve Stanlee and Woody Farmer drew; The Masked Marvel beat Pedro Godoy; The Alaskan & Haru Sasaki won over Ham Lee & Alberto Amessa; Mr. Saito defeated Pedro Morales.

OAKLAND .... Kinji Shibuya & Mr. Saito defeated Alberto Amessa & Eddie Graham; Curtis Iaukea defeated Pedro Godoy; Haystack Calhoun won from The Alaskan.

SAN FRANCISCO .... Ham Lee & Bearcat Wright defeated The Alaskan & Haru Sasaki; Eddie Graham won from Pedro Godoy; Curtis Iaukea defeated Haystack Calhoun; Jean Antone defeated Betty Niccoli; Mr. Saito & Kinji Shibuya defeated Pepper Gomez & Pedro Morales.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (Corresponent MAY WILLIAMS) .... Tojo Yamamoto & Saul Weingeroff defeated Cyclone Atlas & The Sundown Kid; The Mighty Yankees won over Ken Lucas & Dennis Hall; Joyce Grable defeated Patty Neilson; Lou Thesz whipped Don Carson.

MIAMI, Fla. REPORT (Correspondent WAYNE BODDEN)

DINNER KEY .... Eduardo Perez & Louie Tillen beat Sam Steamboat & Joe Scarpa; Red Bastien beat Blue Demon No. 2; Jose Lothario won from Johnny Valentine; Les Welch defeated Blue Demon No. 1; Boris Malenko won from Wahoo McDaniel.

MISSOURI REPORT (Correspondent DIANE DEVINE) SEDALIA .... Gil Hayes defeated Bob Brown; Ron Etchinson defeated Earl Maynard; Man Mountain Mike & Chuck Adcock beat The Viking & John Fogerty; Man Mountain won the battle Royal.

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Allan Bolte
Albany, Calif.

(Editor's Note: The new bigger TV Album is ready now – sorry but we don't have any back issues available.)

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Sirs:

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Tim Mickulski
Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Editor's Note: You must be missing quite a few issues, we have had a lot of stories on Pittsburgh and will have more in the future, we can't run all the results from every town every month, but we run the Pittsburgh results often.)

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Tom Heidger,
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Johnny Jones
Nickerie, Suriname

(Editor's Note: Singh won the match which was not for any championship.)

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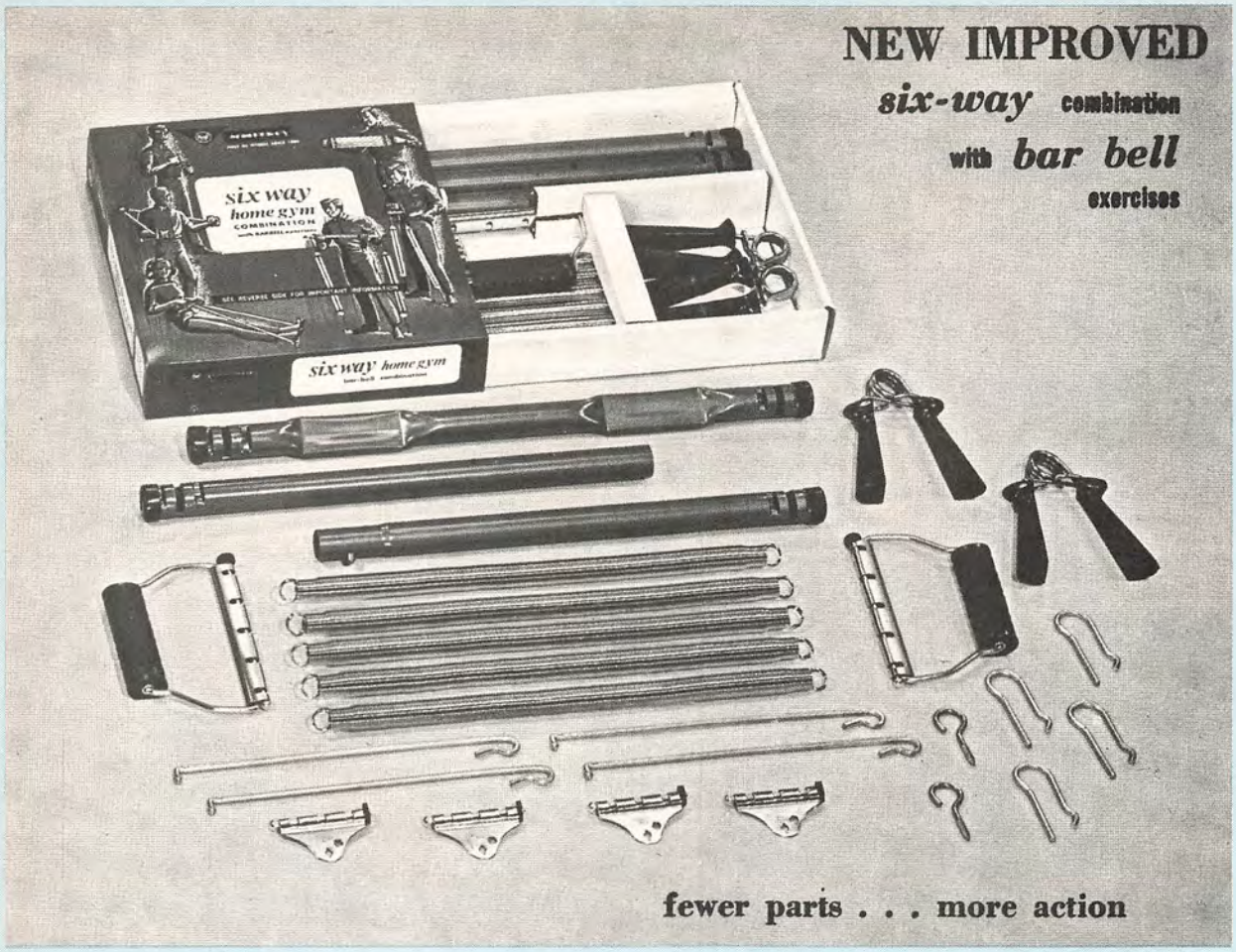

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